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Superintendent presents budget to Finance Committee

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Finance Committee received the school department budget for fiscal year 2025 during their meeting on Thursday, Feb. 29. School Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand and Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero provided information to the committee, highlighting the overall budget increase from this year to next year by 3.75 percent.

Part of this required some shifting in the budget after meeting with the temporary town manager. Brand explained that this budget would both meet the temporary town manager's request and the school district's operational needs for the school year ahead. While they wanted the budget to be as conservative as possible, he also said there were great challenges in creating this budget such as out of district special education tuition increases while state reimbursement remained stagnant.

A few other contributing factors he mentioned were renegotiating the transportation contract, grant funds running out on key positions, and student needs continuing to increase.

Brand described how student needs necessitated additional special education staff, though enrollment declined this year, and general education staff had been reduced.

Finance Committee Vice Chair Theresa Manganelli asked about the savings made by the school department per the request of the temporary town manager to limit their increase to 3.75 percent.

Ruggiero answered that they estimated new salaries in place of staff who retired or resigned since the budget process began, and they used reimbursement from the previous year's circuit breaker funds to offset this budget. He explained that by law they can carry the reimbursement over but have to spend it the following fiscal year.

Brand named other cost-drivers including inflation in the cost of operating services, programs, and schools; the impacts of COVID-19 learning loss; expanding student needs; and expectations that public schools provide social services in the community.

Manganelli asked about improvement from COVID-19 learning loss. Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott answered that they are still identifying the

extent of effects in this regard.

Brand also detailed that the district follows a state-wide trend of students increasingly falling under a "high needs" definition. He mentioned the legal requirement to ensure appropriate levels of services for English Language Learners, which has grown in town to 55 students. He listed about 40 different languages spoken by families in Wilmington.

Joseph Lavino wondered if there may be an overlap in student needs. Brand agreed that it is possible, but in some cases it may lead to grant funding or identifying a legal obligation. He also added that the goal for English Language Learners is their skill level increases beyond the need for services.

Brand then provided enrollment over the past several years, though he said they project relatively stable enrollment next year. He said the drop for this upcoming fiscal year didn't lead to any decrease in the number of teachers — as there was a loss of just 23 students across 12 grades. He also said that with the new school, growing retention rate between 8th and 9th grade, and new housing projects in town, enrollment could build.

The 8th to 9th grade retention rate this past year was 71 percent, he pointed out, and they also saw 30 students return to the high school this year. He later showed the town's enrollment compared to surrounding communities.

The committee asked about the number of students returning in the 9th grade, which Brand said he would have to check.

A concern brought up by Manganelli was the information provided to 8th grade students as they decide where to go to high school so they can make the best decision. Brand replied there was tremendous effort done by high school principal Ryan Gendron to develop connections with 8th grade students and families and to understand why students are returning to the high school.

Andrew Lavigne asked about any insights gained by polling 8th graders on their school of choice, and Brand provided that they don't get 100 percent response but they continue to run these surveys.

Lavino asked about the goal retention rate from 8th to 9th grade for the district. Brand said that their goal is to allow families to make the right choice, and that students pursue other educational experiences for the right reasons. He also suggested 100 percent retention was unlikely.

Ruggiero pointed out that they do retain most students who go to the high school from 9th through 12th grades and sometimes see a retention rate over



▲ From left to right: iPods for Wounded Veterans Chairman Paul Cardello, Haverhill Veterans Services Director Jeffrey Hollett, John Romano of Sons of Italy, iPods for Wounded Veterans Business Manager Larry Hall, Teamsters Local 170 Keith Black, Michael Parker, Frank Puleo, US Marine Corps veteran Robert Davis, and iPods for Wounded Veterans Board Member Wayne Fox.

iPods for Wounded Veterans honors leaders and sponsors

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington 501c3 nonprofit organization iPods for Wounded Veterans hosted an event at Chateau Restaurant in Andover on Saturday, March 2 to honor their sponsors and community leaders for veterans. The event brought in 40 attendees between IFWV board members, volunteers, sponsors, honorees, and members of the media for a buffet lunch and refreshments.

Before he presented giveaways for their sponsors including plaques, sweatshirts, hats, sound-

bar systems, and Vietnam memorial photos, IFWV Chairman Paul Cardello shared that the sponsors helped the organization take 13 trips to DC, along with many other national and state visits, and in their 13 years operating they benefited 13,500 veterans.

He mentioned all of their staff are volunteers. A number of the sponsors honored that afternoon are veterans, and so are the honorees.

Cardello gave shoutouts to the veterans in attendance that day including National Guard veteran Lou Cardello, US Navy veteran Will Hatley, and

Michael Parker on behalf of US Army veteran John Parker. He also announced the creation of the new division of the organization called Laptops for Veterans which would focus solely on providing laptops to veterans.

IFWV Board of Directors member Wayne Fox presented sponsor awards for Ed Collazzo of Bose Corporation, Michael Parker on behalf of John Parker, John Romano on behalf of the Wilmington Sons of Italy, Gabriel Goodwin on behalf of Cornell University, Best Buy, IFWV Business Manager Larry Hall, and Keith

Black on behalf of Teamsters Local 170.

Black, also a Wilmington resident, shared that he met Cardello when they worked together in Teamsters and he was glad to support him and everything that IFWV stands for.

Fox shared statistics during his speech that there are 22 veteran suicides a day, stressing the importance of welcoming veterans home and spreading awareness.

The three honorees that afternoon were US Army veteran and Wilmington Veterans Services Director Lou Cimaglia, US Marine Corps veteran Robert Davis, and US Army veteran and Haverhill Veterans Services Director Jeffrey Hollett. Only Hollett and Davis were in attendance at the event.

Hollett detailed his experience beginning as an administrative clerk in Haverhill before he served as a VSO in Dracut and then returned to Haverhill as Veterans Services Director. He explained that Massachusetts has a law requiring veterans' services officers, although some towns share agents parttime.

In addition to handling local claims, state claims, and federal claims for Haverhill veterans, he often assists with claims from surrounding areas including New Hampshire.

Hollett met Cardello through Haverhill veteran Johnny Davis, and his department and IFWV hosted a joint event where they gave out \$12,000 in electronics to 55 veterans. He appreciated how IFWV benefits veterans all over the state, and its impact is felt not just by veterans but also their families and the commu-



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Wilmington Library News:

Minute Madness is back! Log your minutes now on Beanstack

It's tournament time! Can you help us out-read other Massachusetts libraries? Log your reading as we fight for a spot in the Minute Madness final in March. Books, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines and newspapers all count towards our total.

Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, March 11, 6 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the library.

Streaming Services and Other Alternatives to Cable

Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.

Come join Technology Librarian Brad McKenna as he presents alternatives to cable such as Netflix and the library. While not all free, the alternatives will save you quite a bit of money every month.

Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, March 12, 12 p.m.

If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! This month's featured cookbook is My Vermont Table by Gesine Bullock-Prado.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, March 12, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Chair Yoga Series with the Yoga Loft

Tuesday, March 12, 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a month of Chair Yoga sessions hosted by The Yoga Loft. We will be practicing simple yoga moves, breathing and stretching both seated in the chair and using the chair for a prop. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers!



▲ Minute Madness is back! In this elimination style bracket, libraries go head to head to see who's patrons can read more! Log your reading minutes on Beanstack or on a paper log available at the library. Books, eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, and graphic novels all count towards our reading total. (Courtesy photo)

Craft & Chat

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others! This craft group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All craft supplies provided. This month's featured craft is a Gnome Candy Jar.

Discussion and Q&A with Patriots Editor Paul Perillo

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.

Now that legendary coach Bill Belichick and the GOAT Tom Brady have left the New England Patriots, what's next for the team? Hear the stories behind the new Apple TV+ documentary The Dynasty with Paul Perillo, the longtime Patriots.com editor, frequent contributor to 98.5 Sports Hub's flagship program Felger & Mazz, and co-host of the Patriots Unfiltered podcast, as he discusses the six-time Super Bowl champs and answers all your questions.

Needleworkers

Friday, March 15, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Used Puzzle Swap

Saturday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.

Pick up some new-to-you puzzles! Donations to the Friends will be happily accepted. Donate your used puzzles for the swap starting Friday, February 16.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, March 11, 10 a.m.

Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Kids' Book Cafe

Monday, March 11, 6 p.m.

A book tasting for students in Grades 3-5. Sample a variety of books, both fiction and nonfiction, revolving around the same genre or theme. Each session will include either a themed snack or activity! This Month's Theme: Celebrating Female Authors during Women's History Month! Grades 3-5

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, March 12, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime includes books, rhymes, music and movement for ages 3-6! Ages 3-6

Executive Function Skills for Teens

Tuesday, March 12, 6 p.m.

Margot Marcou, a licensed educator who offers executive function coaching for students, will present a crash course on what executive function is, as well as quick tips for time and task management! Grades 6-12 and adults

Time for Twos

Wednesday, March 13, 10 a.m.

Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Bilingual Story Hour

Wednesday, March 13, 3 p.m.

The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Practice using your home language with us! Our staff will be here with an interpreter speaking Haitian Creole. At our playgroup we will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6 and their caregivers

Girls Who Code

Wednesday, March 13, 6 p.m.

p.m.

Girls Who Code is an organization that aims to close the gender gap in STEM fields by teaching girls to code. Over the twelve weeks you'll learn about coding, women in the STEM fields, and work together to code your own project. Grades 3-5

Baby Time

Thursday, March 14, 10 a.m.

Baby Time includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children ages 0-23 months! Ages 0-23 months

Crafternoon: Dot Design Mugs

Thursday, March 14, 3:45 p.m.

Come make a fun craft with us! Make personalized mugs & learn about using negative space in art! Grades 4-8

Drop-in Storytime

Friday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.

Join us at our Drop-In Storytimes! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 2-6

Switch It Up! Video Game Club

Friday, March 15, 3:45 p.m.

Love video games? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours

The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

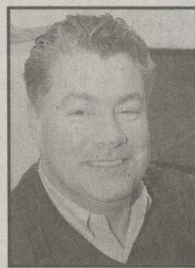
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmingtonlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



PLANNING TECHNIQUES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT FEDERAL EXEMPTIONS BEFORE THEY DECREASE IN 2026:

— PART I —

A. Core Planning
Before you embark on any advanced planning, you should have your core estate planning documents in place. This includes — at a minimum — a will, financial powers of attorney (sometimes called a general power of attorney), and health care powers of attorney (sometimes called an advance directive or health care proxy).

For many people, using a revocable trust as the cornerstone of an estate plan is also recommended, especially for people who (1) own real property in more than one jurisdiction, (2) own interests in closely held businesses, (3) are planning for disability, and/or (4) are interested in reducing or eliminating their probate estate (probate is the court process by which assets of a decedent are marshalled and distributed to the beneficiaries named under the decedent's will or, if there was no will, to the decedent's heirs as determined under state law).

You should also ensure that the beneficiary designations in place on your retirement assets and life insurance are consistent with your overall plan.

B. Use Exemption Now

Individuals who may be subject to estate tax — now or in 2026 — should consider using as much of their increased exemption as they can before the exemption is reduced in 2026.

You should also discuss the financial implications of making large gifts with your financial advisors to ensure that you can afford to give away significant amounts of your wealth without jeopardizing your ability to support yourself now and in the future.

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News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Where's Wilmington

Episode 183: Copper Hearts,
Kim & Melanie Mytych
On this episode of Where's Wilmington, host Lisa Kapala-Egan talks with Kim Mytych and her daughter Melanie Mytych about how

they faced the challenges of COVID-19 by creating a small business together called, "Copper Hearts." Hear how opening their charcuterie board scorching business helped them cope with anxiety and has strengthened their relationship with the community.

Lost in Translation Episode 29: Lily Mackenzie

Hockey has been life for Lily Mackenzie. But she's ready for something different. When all is said and done, Mackenzie, a senior at Wilmington High, will go down as one of the greatest hockey players to ever come out of our town. Lily sat down with the LIT crew to talk about her career, the pressures that come with being "The Man" (or in this case the woman) with all the eyes and bullseyes focused on you every time you're on the ice.

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m. - School Committee View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

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Lifestyle

Art (and culture) in Western Massachusetts

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correction

As the weather warms up, it's time to get back on the road and discover more of New England's hidden gems. There are several wonderful free museums on the campuses of some of the region's most historic colleges in Western Massachusetts. Just a 90-minute drive away from the Merrimack Valley, it's an easy day trip to fit in several experiences.

The Mead Art Museum at Amherst College in Amherst is home to more than 5,000 years of art from across the world. Native American, European, and contemporary art mingle together, and galleries encourage visitors to engage deeply with social and political issues.

Current exhibits include Alicia Grullón's "Like a Slow Walk with Trees,"

focusing on labor activism, and "Tropico es Político: Caribbean Art Under the Visitor Economy Regime," which challenges notions of "paradise" for different groups of people.

Of special note is the Rotherwas Room, a paneled room dating back to the 1600s. Originally installed at the estate of an English knight, the panels came to Amherst in the 1940s; Robert Frost delivered regular public readings of his works in the room.

The room's historic carvings, stained glass windows, and magnificent oak chimneypiece evoke centuries-old nobility and a strong history of craftsmanship preserved for future generations.

Make your way further west to Northampton, home of Smith College, one of the last women's colleges in the country. The Smith College Museum of Art is an impressive four-story

building, divided by era and continent of origin. The museum's wide open galleries make it easy to roam and discover art from around the world.

Masters such as Monet, Rivera, van Gogh, Warhol, Rodin, Seurat, Spencer and Morisot are well represented alongside contemporary artists exploring modern sociopolitical movements.

Exhibits ask visitors to consider complicated issues facing the art world today, such as art ownership and acquisition. Make sure to stop by the two fully themed bathrooms in the basement — artists have decorated every inch of the spaces, down to the toilet bowls.

Just a short walk across campus, the Botanic Garden of Smith College is a great way to connect with nature at the end of your day. In the good weather, acres of outdoor gardens are fun to explore, but don't



▲ The carved wooden panels and fireplace of the Rotherwas Room at Amherst College's Mead Art Museum are over 400 years old. (Rosalyn Impink photo)

let a little rain deter you: the Lyman Conservatory is an expansive glass greenhouse containing a range of plants from around the world.

Succulents, ferns, and palms each have their own houses, as do warm and cool temperate plants. Banana trees and cacao plants grow high into the air. The camellia corridor puts beautiful tropical flowers on display alongside citrus plants.

Where else can you find oranges growing in New England in the dead of winter?

An ongoing exhibition studies the interconnectedness of plants and people

through botanical practices and the life of Sylvia Plath, one of Smith's famous alumnae. As a student, Plath studied botany at the Lyman Conservatory, working with the bell jars that would become a central metaphor in her eponymous novel.

The exhibit explains that bell jars were the first step in developing modern greenhouses, enabling cultivation of plants as never before. Visitors can try their hand at the botany sketching exercises Plath completed in the 1950s and discover panels of Plath's poetry while exploring exotic flora.

Of course, no trip to Wes-

tern Mass is complete without enjoying some of the region's best food. Try Cushman Market in Amherst for breakfast and coffee, Florence Pie Bar in Northampton for some midday dessert (and more coffee), and Daily Operation in Easthampton for a flavorful, hip dinner spot in a converted mill building with lots of vegan and vegetarian options.

Northampton is also a hot spot for vintage clothing stores — thrifters take note.

Don't miss the opportunity to explore a different part of the state and enjoy some culture (and good food) along the way.

Donate a gently used prom dress

Become the Belle of the Ball this prom season

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

The recent warm temperatures in our area are a sure sign that spring is around the corner.

For the many high school students anxiously awaiting the commencement of senior activities, prom preparations have already begun.

Picking out a prom dress is often a milestone in a

young ladies high school life, and shopping for that perfect dress is a big part of the senior class festivities.

However, the high price of an extravagant prom gown can keep some high school students from participating in this much anticipated school event.

Thanks to the great efforts of Belle of the Ball, a non-profit initiative, the worry of the costly price of

prom shopping can be eliminated for many struggling families.

Originally initiated by Anton Cleaners as a community relations initiative in 2005, the Belle of the Ball program collects, cleans and distributes gently used prom dresses and accessories at no charge to high school juniors and seniors who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend prom.

In recent years, Anton's Cleaners has joined efforts with Jordan's Furniture and Enterprise Bank to become corporate partners in this venture.

This collaboration has added promotional, logistic and financial resources that have allowed Belle of the Ball to grow from outfitting fewer than 100 girls to over 1,000 students that are eager, but financially unable to attend prom.

Besides providing beautiful prom dresses, Belle of the Ball also promotes self-love, respect and confidence while also providing a positive experience for kids that have had emotional and financial difficulties in their lives.

Belle of the Ball would not have been successful for the past 19 prom seasons without the generous help of the community.

That is why this prom season Belle of the Ball part-

ners are once again asking for charitable support from citizens who can provide dress donations.

From now through March 31, Belle of the Ball will be accepting gently used prom gowns at any Anton's Cleaners locations, including 10 Main St. in Tewksbury and 268 Main St. in Wilmington.

Dress donations can also be made at any Jordan's Furniture Store or Enterprise Bank, including the Tewksbury Enterprise Bank branch, located at 1120

Main St.

For those who would like to help but do not have a dress to donate, Belle of the Ball also accepts monetary donations to help offset other high costs related to going to prom.

Generous donors can rest assured that 100 percent of donations go toward enhancing prom for those that are participating in the Belle of the Ball experience.

Donation funds are used to pay for shoes and accessories, make-up, floral corsages and visits to hair and nail salons.

This year, the month of March is starting out more like a lamb than a lion,

making us all hopeful for an early spring season.

While spring has not quite yet sprung, now is the time to spring into action and clean out those closets. Put your gently used (but will never be of use to you again) formal attire to good use by making a donation to Belle of the Ball.

You will be thankful for the extra closet space you have gained, and those in need will be given a memory-making experience that will last a lifetime.

For information on how to make a monetary donation, or for a complete list of dress collection locations, visit www.anton.com/belle/collection-partners/



▲ Gently used prom dress donations for the Belle of the Ball initiative can be dropped off at any Jordan's Furniture location, Enterprise Bank, or Anton's Cleaner's locations, including the 10 Main St. store in Tewksbury. (Heather Burns photo)



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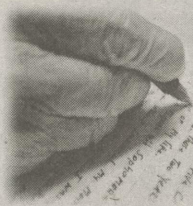
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Letter to the editor

Buckley has leadership, experience for Select Board

To the editor,
We are writing in support of Jomarie Buckley for Tewksbury Select Board. Jomarie has the leadership skills, communication skills, experience, intellect, and passion for community to be a strong voice for Tewksbury residents.

She will be an asset for our town, by advocating for all Tewksbury residents, with a level head and excellent analytical skills. She will be open-minded and listen to the concerns and needs of all residents, while getting results we need.

Jomarie's professional experiences encompass both the public & private sectors, in addition to a long history of community service. Her career as an attorney led her to work for the Department of Children and Families for the last six years.

She is also a wonderful mother of four fantastic

children. In addition, to being a great supporter of community events, she was the founder of W.O.W. (We're One Wilmington) and was a Wilmington Select Board member.

She has a great ability to resolve conflict and bring people together for positive change.

We have had the pleasure of knowing Jomarie for the last 16 years. She is always there to answer a call and lend a helping hand. She is a person of outstanding character who will bring a varied and robust skillset to the table.

Please join us in voting for Jomarie Buckley to become our next Select Board member on Saturday, April 6!

Sincerely,
Todd & Kristen Keane
Tewksbury residents
parents
Local business owners

Middlesex Sheriff's Office announces registration for the 2024 Youth Public Safety Academy is open

CHELMSFORD — Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian is pleased to announce registration for the 2024 Youth Public Safety Academy (YPSA) is now open.

Now in its 24th year, YPSA is an educational and affordable summer program that is open to all children living in Middlesex County ages 8-12. Older children have the opportunity to become a Counselor-in-Training. The program is comprised of five, one-week camps and is held at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Training Academy in Chelmsford. Registration for each week is \$100 per child and includes transportation to and from designated bus stops; daily breakfast and lunch; and a graduation ceremony held each Friday.

"YPSA is a proud tradition here at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "This is an opportunity for our kids to take some time away from screens and schools to learn lessons regarding healthy habits, fire safety, personal wellness and more. Most importantly, they can do this alongside their friends and public safety role models from their com-

munity, helping build lifelong and positive connections."

Participants are not required to reside in communities with a designated bus stop, but they will be picked up and dropped off at these locations. Cadets from Billerica and Chelmsford will be dropped off and picked up at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Training Academy.

Currently, spots remain open for cadets at the following bus stop locations:

July 8-12 - Bedford & Lexington

July 15-19 - Arlington, Billerica, Burlington & Tyngsborough

July 22-26 - Acton/Maynard, Framingham/Natick & Marlborough

July 29-Aug 2 - Belmont/Watertown, Hudson, Wakefield & Waltham/Newton

Aug 5-9 - Chelmsford, Lowell, Tewksbury & Wilmington

Buses for Malden, Medford and Woburn have reached capacity, however individuals may still add their names to the waiting lists for Medford and Woburn.

To register, please visit www.middlesexsheriff.org/2024-YPSA-application.

You'll 'Quail' at the March Book Stew

This month's Book Stew episode features a novel, "The Quail Who Wears The

Shirt," that began with creative writing instructor Jeremy T. Wilson jotting

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All submissions must be accompanied by full name, address, and daytime contact information for verification purposes.

Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

Spring forward in safety:

When you change your clocks, check your alarms

STOW — With daylight saving time beginning on March 10, Massachusetts fire officials are reminding residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when they change their clocks.

"We've seen too many tragedies in homes without working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Most fires and CO incidents take place at home, and these alarms are your first line of defense. As we spring forward this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. Be sure they're present on every level of your home. And unless you have newer alarms with sealed, long-life batteries, this is a great time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms."

Most Fatal Fires Occur in One- and Two-Family Homes

Of 45 fire deaths in Massachusetts last year, 31 — nearly 70% — took place at home. Nearly 75% of these residential fire deaths took place in one- and two-family homes. Investigators found working smoke alarms at just one-third of those dwellings.

Replace Expired Alarms

"Smoke and CO alarms are like any other appliance — they don't last

forever," said Hyannis Fire Chief Peter Burke, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "An alarm's manufacturing date is printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms need to be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model. If your alarm is out of date, or if there's no date at all, it's time to replace it."

Replacing an out-of-date alarm? The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. These alarms are easier to maintain and less likely to be disabled while cooking or by someone using the batteries for other household appliances.

"Disabling a smoke alarm puts you and everyone in your building at risk," said Chief Burke. "Test your alarms once a month to be sure you and the people you care for are protected."

Fire officials recommend that you choose alarms from a well-known, national brand. Look for the mark of an independent testing laboratory such as UL or Intertek. Many Massachusetts fire departments have found alarms pur-

chased on Amazon and other online retailers that do not meet the Fire Code — and may not perform when they're needed most.

"If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is," said State Fire Marshal Davine.

Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

"We have less time than ever before to escape a fire at home," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "You could have three minutes to escape safely. Creating and practicing a home escape plan that includes two routes out will help you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible."

"Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire," said Chief Burke. "Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and people with disabilities. Always keep doorways, stairways, and windows clear of furniture and other obstructions so you can leave quickly and safely."

Older Adults at Greatest Risk

More than half of last year's fire deaths involved adults aged 65 and older. In FY23, the De-

partment of Fire Services' Senior SAFE grant program awarded more than \$575,000 to hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts to support assistance with alarm installation and testing. Older adults who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department, council on aging, or senior center for assistance.

Carbon Monoxide Hazards

Heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide at home, State Fire Marshal Davine said, but winter isn't over yet and CO remains a hazard even in warmer weather. While many carbon monoxide incidents involve furnaces and other heating appliances, CO is also produced by stoves, grills, and vehicles, as well as generators put into use during a power outage.

"Firefighters detect carbon monoxide at about 5,000 calls each year in Massachusetts, and we've already seen cases of fatal carbon monoxide poisoning in 2024," said Chief Burke. "We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this silent, invisible killer. If you hear your CO alarms sounding, get out to fresh air and call 9-1-1 right away."

Upcoming local events

March 9, Turkey Dinner To Go, Wilmington Methodist Church, featuring roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, squash, gravy and dessert for \$15 per person with curbside pick-up. 5:00PM. Reserve by Wednesday, March 6 at <http://tinyurl.com/3ufry74d>. List number of dinners needed.

March 9, Dr. Sandy Johnson Creamer Foundation Nursing Scholarship Fund-raiser. Elks Hall, Tewksbury. Support a TMHS senior pursuing nursing. \$10 at the door. Food, raffles. 1 - 5 p.m. Dr.creamer.scholarship@gmail.com.

March 14, Community Basketball Game — Tewksbury PD vs TMHS Boys and Girls Varsity, \$5 at TMHS Romano Gym, 6:30 p.m. All TBBL/TGBL players under 12 free when wearing their jersey and accompanied by an adult. Proceeds to benefit the

Megan McCarthy Cancer Fund at Dana Farber Cancer Center. This is not a drop off event.

March 15, Silvertones Dance Band with Vocalist BB Braxton, 7 - 10 p.m. Tewksbury Senior Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., \$10. Cake, coffee and tea, bring your own munchies and swing to songs of the '30s and '40s and enjoy line dances and music from Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. Fun!

March 16, Book Donation Drive, Tewksbury Public Library, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or dictionaries. Books will be checked for saleable condition on the library honor carts. Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library.

March 16, Tewksbury K of C St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party to raise funds for Council 4982

scholarships. Catered corned beef and cabbage dinner, DJ. Tickets \$30. RSVP to Justin Strem at justin.strem@gmail.com or 978-270-0528

March 25, Dine Out Breakfast for Dinner at Vic's Waffle House, 4 - 7 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library. Raffles. A fun event for the whole family!

March 26, Tewksbury Democratic Committee Candidate Night, Luna Rossa, 6:30 p.m. Residents are welcomed to meet candidates for town offices. Free.

April 5, Music Bingo to benefit WOW and Billerica Cat Care Coalition. Tewksbury K of C Hall, Main Street. Tickets at erasmus-sicbingo.eventbrite.com

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours.

Check website for times. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St, North Billerica, Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m. middlesexcanal.org

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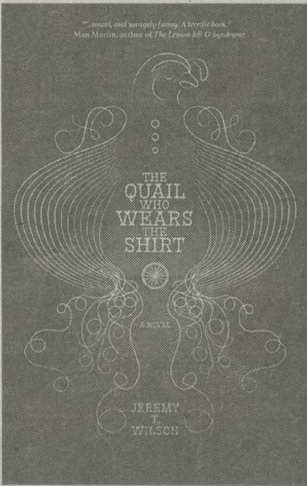
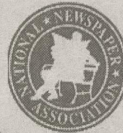
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down two seemingly random words: quail man. Out of that odd combination grew an amusing satire of southern life.

Narrator Lee Hubbs, owner of a roadside fruit and vegetable stand in Charity, GA (not Stuckey's nor Buc-ees) causes a tragic road accident that takes the life of Valentine, a quail man who showed up in town one day riding a yellow bicycle.

The fact that a number of Americans had started displaying some physical characteristics of quails, with top feathers emerging from their foreheads and round bodies, is no longer a national phenomenon or a matter of concern to anyone.

Lee needs to atone by sharing an onion pie with Valentine's grieving relatives, if he can find any, and if he can do it without admitting his own guilt in the tragedy. Thus begins a road trip and Lee's come-uppance. It's a most unus-

al story with many hilarious occurrences.

Please check out the new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturdays at noon. Also available on demand, via the links below:

YouTube: <http://tinyurl.com/bookstew123-yt>
Soundcloud podcast: <http://tinyurl.com/bookstew123-soundcloud>

OBITUARIES

Donald E. 'Don' Munro Served in the Navy during Korean War

Donald E. "Don" Munro, age 89, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Feb. 28, 2024.

Don was born on June 20, 1934, in Somerville. He was the third son of Henry and Clothilde (Orlandesse) Munro. Don was predeceased by his brothers Henry, Jr. and Robert.

The Munro family moved to 10 King St., Wilmington in the late 1930s, and Don attended Wilmington public schools. His youth revolved around boating and skating on Silver Lake.

Don subsequently enlisted in the Navy in 1952 and served admirably in the Korean War aboard the destroyer USS Strong. He was honorably discharged in 1955.

Don went on to work at the Bedford VA in 1957. During this period, he was instrumental in solving a

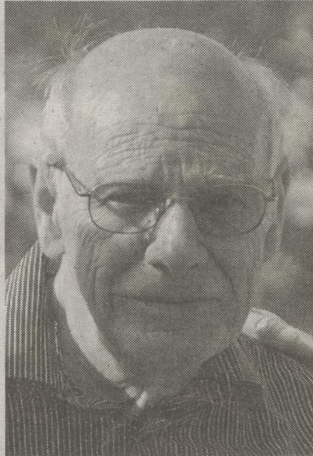
1983, Boston murder case. He retired in 1989 as the Chief of Police.

After retirement, Don worked part time for the Federal court in Boston as a special deputy Marshall. He was assigned to the court security division until 2003.

Don was the beloved husband of Anne (Dziuban) Munro, devoted father of Donald E. Munro, Jr. of Billerica, Scott G. Munro and his wife Lori Sellers Munro of Wilmington, and Lisa Munro Brewin and her husband Gary of Sandown, NH.

Don is also survived by six grandchildren, Brendan, Makenna, Kyle, Evan, and Jack all of Wilmington and Colton Brewin of Sandown, NH. He loved all of his grandkids dearly.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt.



62), Wilmington on Monday, March 4 from 10 - 11 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Interment with Military Honors took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Don was an avid animal lover; in lieu of flowers please donate to the MSPCA in Boston.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Charlotte Anne (Moore) Stewart Supported creation of Wilmington rec. dept.

Charlotte Anne (Moore) Stewart, age 94, a longtime resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2024.

Charlotte was born in Cambridge, on May 14, 1929; she was the cherished daughter of the late Harry G. and Annie (MacLeod) Moore originally from Prince Edward Island, Canada and also long-time Wilmington residents.

Charlotte was raised and educated in Wilmington graduating from the Wilmington High School Class of 1947 where she made many life-long friends.

Charlotte married and raised four wonderful sons with her husband of many years, the late Harry "Hank" Stewart. She was very active in their lives and encouraged them to do their best.

Charlotte was often found on the sideline at countless sporting events that her boys were involved in; she rarely missed a game.

Charlotte enjoyed her role as Grammie, Grammie Charlotte, Mimi and Great-Grammie; she beamed with pride as she spoke of her family and all of their accomplishments. Over the years, she attended many sports events, concerts, and graduations for her grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Charlotte, had a passion for education and a thirst for knowledge. She was also an avid reader. After raising her sons, she went back to school and earned an associate degree from Northern Essex Community College in 1981, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, from University of Lowell in 1983, and a Master of Social Work from Simmons College in 1985.

Charlotte was employed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for Family Service of Greater Boston for many years. During this period she was also very involved with the Medford Council on Aging where she served as an agent of change promoting measures for the improvement to the quality of life for senior citizens.

Charlotte was always dedicated and devoted to the service to others; she helped families in crisis with kindness and compassion and made a difference in so many lives throughout her career.

Charlotte was supportive of women's rights serving as a role model for numerous women.

Charlotte loved Wilmington and always went out of her way to make her community a better place by speaking up, advocating, and acting on the important causes she believed in. Charlotte volunteered in many organizations including the League of Women's Voters and the Wil-

mington Garden Club.

In the 1960s, Charlotte supported the late Lawrence Cushing in creating the Wilmington Recreation Department and served as a member and then chairperson. Charlotte advocated for and pushed forward the hiring of the first full-time recreation director, lighted tennis courts, handicapped children's programs, the first girl's programs, and other significant initiatives.

She was a trustee for the Wilmington Memorial Library and was very active with the "Friends of Wilmington Memorial Library." Charlotte was also on the Board of Directors for the Wilmington Family Counseling Center and a counselor for Shine.

Charlotte immersed herself in helping others; she shared her time and talents whenever and wherever she was needed. Many enjoyed the benefit of Charlotte's baking skills while attending the various committees and events she supported. In recognition of a lifetime of outstanding contributions, she was rewarded the Wilmington Good Guy in 2012.

Charlotte was also a woman of great faith and was active at the Wilmington United Methodist Church. Charlotte was involved in countless Church events and fundraisers and was always willing to help out where needed.

In her spare time, Charlotte enjoyed gardening as well as spending time with her family and friends often talking about her ancestry and her many travels. Charlotte was an avid walker often seen walking about Wilmington. Charlotte would host dinners with her very close group of women friends.

Charlotte's parents first travelled 'home' to Prince Edward Island, Canada in the early 1930s when she and her sister Barbara were young children teaching the importance of intergenerational family relationships. Charlotte would travel to Prince Edward Island throughout her life enjoying her connection to The Island and family and especially staying at the Annandale Schoolhouse.

Charlotte enjoyed extensive travels to other destinations including Alaska, Hawaii, Florida, Scotland, and England. Charlotte frequently travelled with her sister Barbara Moore Carpenter and her late husband Paul, her children and grandchildren.

Charlotte will be fondly remembered for her devotion to her family, friends, and community; she had a "can do" attitude and a heart of gold. Charlotte has made such an impact on so many people through-



out her life; she will forever be loved and missed by all who knew her.

Charlotte was the beloved mother of Harry T. Stewart, III and his wife Sue of Londonderry, NH, David Stewart of Wilmington, Robert Stewart and his wife Cheryl of Trumbull, CT, and, Thomas Stewart and his wife Jo of Georgetown.

Loving grandmother of Kate Gimourginas and her husband James of Holliston, Elizabeth Stewart and her husband Vincent Kan of Shrewsbury, Brenna Brown and her husband Shane of Wilton, CT, Meghan Barnes and her husband John Barnes of Oxford, England, Andrew Stewart and his wife Hailey of Wilmington, Skye Stewart of North Hollywood, California and Cameron Stewart of Apopka, Florida.

Great-Grammie of Cleo, George, Troy, Eleanor, Aiden, Carter, Owen, Lealand, and Louisa.

Dear sister of Barbara Carpenter and her late husband Paul of Wilmington, special aunt of the late Donna David, Judith Carpenter, Paul Carpenter Jr., and Susan Carpenter.

Charlotte was predeceased by her husband of many years the late Harry T. Stewart, Jr.

Charlotte is also survived by her sister-in-law, Dr. Pearl (Stewart) Pitt, and her sister-in-law and lifelong friend, Ann Palmer Stewart, as well as her Stewart nieces and nephews and many relatives in Prince Edward Island, Ontario and British Columbia.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, March 9 for Visiting Hours from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. followed by a Service to celebrate her life at 12:30 p.m. Interment will take place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Charlotte's memory to the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Melrose-Wakefield AAUW offers two scholarships

WILMINGTON — The Melrose-Wakefield area branch of the American Association of University Women is pleased to offer two scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year.

A branch scholarship, which is in the amount of \$2,000, is available as a result of the fundraising activities of the branch and donations received in memory of branch members and their loved ones.

The other scholarship, which is in the amount of \$1,500, is offered from the Diana L. Goldblith Scholarship Fund, which was established by donations from Mrs. Goldblith's family and friends following her sudden death in June

1990. Goldblith, a longtime Melrose resident, was an active and enthusiastic participant in AAUW's Literature Group, Great Decisions Group, and Stellar Investment Club.

To be eligible, one must be a resident of Melrose, Wakefield, North Reading, Georgetown, Wilmington, Cambridge, or Georgetown, Maine. These are all communities from which the branch derives members this year.

In addition, one must attend or be a graduate of a four-year AAUW-accredited college or university, and must have completed at least two years of study prior to the fall of 2024. Special consideration will

be given to applicants who have maintained high academic standing and can demonstrate a need for the scholarship for a specific purpose related to educational goals.

All applications will be processed anonymously. Applications are available at the Branch website — aauwmwv.wordpress.com/scholarships/

To receive an application, candidates may also send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

AAUW Scholarship
c/o Sullivan & Clark
608 Main Street
Melrose, MA 02176
Or an email request to jac_sullivanandclark@comcast.net

Healey-Driscoll Admin. awards nearly \$200,000 to help non-profit organizations monitor water quality

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration today awarded more than \$199,000 in grants to three coalitions of non-profit environmental organizations to support the testing of water quality in rivers, lakes and ponds, and coastal resources in eastern Massachusetts, the Connecticut River Watershed and Cape Cod. The Water Quality Monitoring Grant is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and supports waterbody monitoring efforts across the Commonwealth.

"Local watershed organizations are the eyes and ears of Massachusetts' lakes and rivers," said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. "We rely on the water quality data collected by our local and regional partners to make important determinations about the condition of our waterbodies. I am pleased that we can support their tireless work."

The grant, which is managed by MassDEP's Watershed Planning Program, facilitates recipients in their collection of data from a wide range of surface water quality projects and helps them achieve their water quality monitoring goals. The data from these state and local partners helps MassDEP maintain, improve, and protect water quality in accordance with requirements of the federal Clean Water Act. Non-profit organizations — including watershed groups and lake and pond associations, as well as federally recognized Tribal Nations — with expertise in water monitoring are encouraged to apply.

The three grant awardees are:

Mystic River Watershed Association — \$73,875

Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) is leading the Eastern Massachusetts Water Quality

Monitoring Coalition consisting of eight member organizations to perform routine water quality monitoring in support of a long-term monitoring collaboration. The funding will be used for water quality monitoring supplies and equipment, laboratory analyses, staff salaries, and to host a training meeting to synchronize sampling methods and explore regional trends in water quality data. The coalition will monitor for bacteria, cyanobacteria, chlorophyll-a, nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen), and conductivity. The goals are to assist Mass

DEP with identifying impairments under criteria set forth in the Clean Water Act by leveraging the coalition's collective expertise and synchronizing regional data collection and communication to the public.

Connecticut River Conservancy — \$75,000

The Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) is leading a coalition of four watershed organizations to conduct a regional monitoring program among coalition partners. The grant will fund staff salaries, laboratory supplies, and travel to monitor for E. coli, nitrogen, and cyanobacteria in the Connecticut River watershed. The goals are to coordinate a regional monitoring program among coalition partners and develop a new collaborative nitrogen monitoring initiative.

Center for Coastal Studies — \$50,267

The Center for Coastal Studies (CCS) is partnering with the Association to Preserve Cape Cod and the Indian Ponds Association on a project designed to enhance targeted water quality monitoring of priority areas. The project leverages existing monitoring programs among the partner organizations actively involved in the monitoring, conservation, and restoration of freshwater pond water quality throughout Cape Cod. The grant will fund supplies and equipment, staff salary, and laboratory analyses to monitor for Secchi disk depth, temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, salinity, nutrients, chlorophyll, alkalinity, and cyanobacteria. The goals of the project are to help Cape Cod communities protect and manage ponds, understand the effects of watershed development, and inform pond protection and management strategies.

"For years, the Mystic River Watershed Association has served as stewards and strong advocates for protecting the Mystic River," said State Senator Cindy F. Friedman (D-Arlington). "This grant funding provides

the opportunity for MyRWA and coalition members to expand and assist the state with efforts to collect and synchronize water quality monitoring data in our region, paying close attention to Environmental Justice communities. I thank the MassDEP for funding this grant program and for selecting this project led by MyRWA."

"Water quality monitoring is a critical aspect of protecting our water resources," said State Representative Sean Garballey, House Chair of the Global Warming and Climate Change Committee (D-Arlington). "I am grateful to MassDEP for their collaboration in addressing water quality in our region. Mystic River Watershed Association operates many strong monitoring programs, and I am looking forward to the work that can be accomplished focused on pollution control with this important investment."

For more information about the Water Quality Monitoring Grant and the Watershed Planning Program, please visit the MassDEP website.

MassDEP's mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources — air, water and land — to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth, provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives and ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities served by the agency.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on hold a public hearing on **March 25, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by 215 Marshall Street LLP c/o Jason LeRocque for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to convert a portion of the existing single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 215 Marshall Street, Assessor's Map 33, Lot 5, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Stephen Johnson, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination
of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 20, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a RDA application filed by Bohler on behalf of Melmark for activities related to grading and/or landscaping within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **910 ANDOVER ST TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 15-1.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner
240224 3/6/24

LEGAL NOTICE

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI23P3936EA

Estate of: Denise Gill-Davy
Date of Death: June 06, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jenna Davy of Haverhill MA Petitioner Julie Davy of Tewksbury MA

Jenna Davy of Haverhill MA Julie Davy of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 25, 2024 at 7:25 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Suki Singh on behalf of Lane Realty and Trust for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install a sign for the new restaurant as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1921 Main Street, Assessor's Map 84, Lot 78, zoned Mixed Use Business and Flood Plain Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Stephen Johnson, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 25, 2024 at 7:10 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by the Town of Tewksbury for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to replace a manual message board sign with an electronic message board sign as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 300 Chandler Street, Assessor's Map 60, Lot 128, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
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FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. MI23P1375EA

Estate of: Ralph K Lowey
Date of Death: 01/29/2023

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Ralph K Lowey, Jr. of Methuen MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/28/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 29, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

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LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 25, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Melmark on behalf of Sullivan John D.Tr for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw and a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to construct an educational housing development with associated parking, drainage, landscaping and utilities as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 910 Andover Street, Assessor's Map 15, Lot 1, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
240206 3/6,13/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

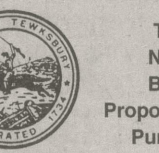
SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 25, 2024 at 7:15 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by the Town of Tewksbury for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to replace a manual message board sign with an electronic message board sign as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 175 Chandler Street, Assessor's Map 61, Lot 110, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Stephen Johnson, Chairman
240235 3/6,13/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
Notice of Public Hearing
By the Planning Board for
Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, Section 5

The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaws as submitted for the May 6 & 8, 2024 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Town of Tewksbury Town Hall,
1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024
Time: 7:20 p.m.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

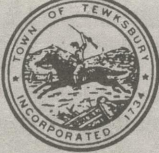
Article
To amend the Zoning Bylaw by modifying Section 4.1.2 to include MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District as a listed overlay district and by creating a new Section 5.8 for the MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District to bring the Town of Tewksbury into compliance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 3A.

And take any action related thereto.

Article
To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map dated October 2023 by adding a crosshatched area under the new label "MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District" as shown on file with the Town Clerk's office.

THE TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
Stephen Johnson, Chair
240237 3/6,13/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on hold a public hearing on **March 25, 2024 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Mark and Patty Martel for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to convert a portion of the existing single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 24 Wayside Road, Assessor's Map 85, Lot 47, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Stephen Johnson, Chairman
240207 3/6,13/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

The Tewksbury Community Development Office seeks proposals for On-Call Engineering Services for various ongoing peer reviews of applications submitted to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. Services will be effective April 15, 2024 through April 14, 2025. The contract shall be for one year, with two additional one-year options to renew subject to timely completion of reviews during the initial contract period and at the discretion of the Town.

The selected firm shall have demonstrated previous experience in providing project peer review services for municipalities in Massachusetts. A complete RFQ may be obtained, without charge, by emailing Alexandra Lowder at alower@tewksbury-ma.gov. Documents will be available after 11:00 a.m., Thursday February 29, 2024. It is recommended that respondents to this request familiarize themselves with the detailed RFQ.

It is the intent of the Awarding Authority to award a contract within 30 business days after receiving the proposals.

The deadline for submitting proposals to the Tewksbury Town Manager's Office c/o Richard A. Montuori, Town Manager, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 is 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Richard Montuori
Tewksbury Town Manager
240236 3/6,13/24

Middlesex Canal
Commission meeting

BILLERICA — The Middlesex Canal Commission will hold a meeting on Thursday, March

21 at 3 p.m. at the Middlesex Canal Museum at 71 Faulker St., Billerica.

Four students named
to Dean's List
at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER, NH — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester there were a total of 562 students from 24 states and 4 countries.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to

the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

TEWKSBURY

- Collin Capistran, Finance, 2027
- Arianna Raso, Nursing, 2024
- Benjamin Svendsen, International Relations, 2025

WILMINGTON

- Vincent Callahan, History, 2026

ABOUT SAINT

ANSELM COLLEGE
Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Matthew Tringue of 32 Bradford St. Apt 16 Concord, Ma. Who is the last registered owner of a 2018 Volkswagen Jetta Vin number 3VWB67AJ9M215685 that your vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 3-8-2024 at Fred F Cain Inc. 10 Ranch Rd. Wilmington, Ma. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.
240162 2/21,28, 3/6/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURTMiddlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI24P1032EA

Estate of:
Kathleen Mary Scanlon
Also known as:
Kathleen M. Scanlon
Date of Death: 09/16/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Richard J Scanlon, III of Billerica MA and Susan M Carter of Wilmington MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Richard J Scanlon, III of Billerica MA and Susan M Carter of Wilmington MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the

bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/26/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 27, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
240212 3/6/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURTMiddlesex Probate
and Family Court
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PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. MI23P6092PM

In the matter of:
Paulette Everitt
Of: Wilmington, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Adviniacare Wilmington of Wilmington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Paulette Everitt is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Sara Spooner of Auburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to

determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/21/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 22, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
240216 3/6/24

Supt. says budget will retain highly-qualified staff

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100 percent.

Brand went on to discuss the proposed salary and non-salary expense changes from this current year to fiscal year 2025 along with personnel changes. He stated this budget would retain highly-qualified staff, educate as many students in-district as possible, increase English learner support, ensure access to athletics, extracurriculars, and transportation without user fees, and provide wrap-around services to students and families.

The committee asked about budget expenses re-

lated to the school start times adjustment, though the only changes Ruggiero identified were adding a bus and extending teacher workdays.

Brad Jackson asked about the quality of the literacy curriculum, and in response Elliott described the pilot program for a new curriculum funded by a grant in the amount of \$386,000.

Jackson also highlighted the inefficiency of operating eight schools from a financial and relational perspective which also limits enrollment.

David Tamang wondered about how the expansion of special education

programs could impact the personnel budget. Brand answered that they do their best to adjust staffing with enrollment decline where possible, but they need space in the schools to operate these programs.

Marianne Gallezzo noted the small class sizes at the high school, which Brand said would be increased with the upcoming schedule changes at the school allowing students to take more classes.

The committee invited Brand to present an update about the new Wildwood MSBA project, and he said he would follow up.

Wilmington annual rabies clinic on March 30

Wilmington annual rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Public Buildings Department, 30 Church St. For Wilmington resi-

dents only.

Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier.

Cost: \$10 per animal.

The Town Clerk's Office will be available to process your 2024 dog license

if you have not already done so.

Cost: \$10 spayed/neutered, \$15 non-spayed/non-neutered.

There is a late fee added after April 1, 2024

IFWV continues to support veterans

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nity at large.

Hollett also spoke to the importance of providing

veterans with electronics through which they could socialize, reintegrate, and connect with their fellow veterans, friends, and

loved ones, something with which they may have struggled in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Wilmington Housing Authority

Housing Administrator or Managing Agent

The Wilmington Housing Authority seeks an experienced Housing Administrator or Managing Agent to lead and manage its programs, properties, and contracts. The Wilmington Housing Authority owns and operates 69 units of State-Aided Elderly/Disabled Public Housing, 4 units of Congregate Housing, 13 units of Family Housing, 11 Housing Choice Vouchers, and 15 Alternative Housing Vouchers.

Required Minimum Qualifications: Two years' experience in public or private housing, community development, public administration, non-profit administration, or a related field that demonstrates strong management and organizational skills. One year of experience overseeing at least three staff persons or as a significant project team leader or program administrator required. Knowledge of the principles and practices of housing management, finances, and maintenance systems in public or private housing is desired.

Must be proficient in Word, Excel, and Outlook. Experience with policy writing and overseeing capital improvement projects is preferred. Familiarity with centralized public housing wait lists (CHAMP), housing software (PHA-Network), HUD and EOHLC databases and reporting systems desired. Excellent written and verbal communication skills required. Willingness to work with people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable.

While not required for hiring, certification as a property manager or similar classification by a nationally recognized housing or real estate organization or by certification as a MPHA of an EOHLC-approved Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator Certification Program is desirable or must be obtained within the first year of employment. Diverse applicants are encouraged to apply.

The annual salary ranges from \$60,100 to a maximum salary of \$67,100 depending upon experience, certifications, and in accordance with the EOHLC Executive Director Salary Schedule/Calculation worksheet. The work week is 26 hours per week and includes a generous benefit portfolio. The candidate will be subject to qualification verification prior to employment.

How to Apply / Contact:

Candidates should apply in confidence by submitting cover letter and resume to ED Search Committee, at HousingClerk@WilmingtonHA.org with "Wilmington ED Position" in the subject line. Managing agent respondents should submit a proposal to that same email address.

Application closing date is close of business on Friday, March 29, 2024. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The Wilmington Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, women, veterans, and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Wilmington seeks proposals to establish a contract for Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service in the Town of Wilmington. The ALS service will supplement the Town's Basic Life Support (BLS) and transport service for pre-hospital emergency care provided by the Wilmington Fire Department (WFD).

Request for Proposals (RFP) will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall,

Wilmington, Massachusetts, until Tuesday, March 20, 2024, at 11 AM. Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>. Proposals may not be submitted via email.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject the bid or any part thereof deemed not to be in the interest of the Town of Wilmington. The Town shall not be responsible for bids arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services, delays related to the processing of mail requests, or any other reason. Postmarks will not be considered.

For further questions concerning this Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing and emailed to wcavanaugh@wilmingtonma.gov.

Louis Cimaglia IV
Temporary Town Manager
240226 3/6/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium at 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the Zoning Articles proposed for inclusion on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 4, 2024. The Public Hearing will be conducted jointly with the Finance Committee.

The following summarizes the Zoning Articles that will be considered at the Public Hearing:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by voting to rezone General Business (GB) to General Industrial (GI) the parcel of land shown on Assessor's Map 39 Parcel 11, or to take any other action related thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by voting to rezone from Residence 60 (R60) to Residence 20 (R20) the parcel of land shown on Assessor's Map 11 Parcel 6, or to take any other action related thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by creating a new Section 6.12 for the MBTA Communities Multi-family Overlay District (MOD) with four Sub-districts (Main Street Mixed Use Sub-district, Burlington Avenue Sub-district, Deming Way Sub-district, and West Street Sub-district), amend Section 6.5 Site Plan Review, and amend Section 6.11 Inclusionary Housing, or take any other action related thereto.

The Zoning Articles and maps may be inspected by contacting the Department of Planning & Conservation at 978-658-8238 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Articles may also be found on the Town website.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
240197 2/28, 3/6/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, MARCH 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

CASE 2-24
APPLICANT: DEREK SANTINI
OF 28 KENWOOD AVE

REQUEST: ASKING FOR SPECIAL PERMIT UNDER GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DISTRICT 6.6.7.7 FOR AN ADDITION OF POOL HOUSE/STORAGE SHED COMBINED STRUCTURE.

CASE # 3-24
APPLICANT:
WCV-800 SALEM LLC
ADDRESS:
800 SALEM STREET

SPECIAL PERMIT: 5.2.8:1 HEIGHT EXTENSION FOR BUILDING
240165 2/28, 3/6/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilmington Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium on all the warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 4, 2024. This meeting will be held jointly with the Planning Board.

John F. Doherty, Chairman
Finance Committee
240213 3/6/24

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been scheduled before the Select Board in Room 9 of the Town Hall on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Wilmington Fourth of July Celebration, Inc. dba Fun on the Fourth to conduct a carnival at 159 Church Street, Wilmington, (Map 63, Parcel 10).

Gary B. DePalma, Chair
Select Board
240214 3/6/24

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Shawsheen's culinary maestros extend invitation for St. Patrick's Day lunch



(Courtesy photo)

BILLERICA — Shaw-sheen Valley Technical School's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program are set to dazzle taste buds with a specially crafted St. Patrick's Day inspired menu, available for dining in or takeout on March 13 and 15.

Guests are invited to immerse themselves in the spirit of the Irish, as students prepare and serve a delightful St. Patrick's Day feast in Shawsheen's Ram's Head Dining Room, open to the public. The menu, priced at \$11 per person, offers three entrée options, each accompanied by an array of sides which include Irish Potato soup,

Irish soda bread, dessert, and coffee/tea.

The featured entrées are:

- Corned Beef and Cabbage Platter with carrots and Red Bliss Potatoes
- Irish Lamb Stew with carrots, onions, turnip, peas, and potatoes
- Grilled Smoked Turkey Reuben Sandwich "Rachel Style"

Whether patrons prefer to enjoy the festive atmosphere in-house or opt for the convenience of take-out, pre-orders and reservations are recommended.

"We are happy to showcase the culinary talents of our students with this special St. Patrick's Day menu," said Dave Norkiewicz,

Vocational Director at Shaw-sheen Valley Technical School. "The different offerings reflect the skills and creativity that our students bring to the table."

To secure a reservation or pre-order your St. Patrick's Day meal, please contact the Ram's Head Dining Room at 978-671-3668 or visit www.ShawsheenTech.org.

Don't miss the chance to savor the flavors of Ireland expertly crafted by the students of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School. Join us for a memorable St. Patrick's Day celebration filled with delicious food and warm hospitality.

RMLD hosts seventh annual High School Art Contest

READING — The Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) invites high school students from Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, and areas of Lynnfield served by the RMLD to participate in its 7th annual High School Art Contest. Any two-dimensional art medium will be accepted, including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, sketches, photography, and graphic art. Artwork must be submitted by Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

High school artists are encouraged to creatively depict any component of RMLD's mission: serving its customers with reliable, low-cost, and increasingly non-carbon energy solutions. Through

their artwork, students are encouraged to express the importance of sustainability, innovation, and community stewardship in energy provision.

Each student who submits artwork by the deadline will receive a certificate for ten hours of community service. Up to five winners will be selected based on the number of submissions received and the content of the artwork. Winners will receive a gift card for qualified school or art supplies with a top prize of up to \$100.

The RMLD has produced a short presentation about the contest and theme. The video and official contest rules are available at <https://www.rml.com/hsart-contest2024>.



It's Pinewood Derby time!

Cub Scout Pack recently held their 2024 Pinewood Derby. Many races were completed, Scout Spirit prevailed and both scouts and guests have memories to last a lifetime: Left to right are Matthew Smith (with Megalon), Thanh Hunyh (with Fire Striker), Carmella Labrecque (with Unicorn), Brave Ramos (with Little Petey), Oli Ramos (with Ninja), Joey Malho (with Tank), M.J. Dorothy (with Silver Speed), Mason Labrecque (with Gus), and Molly Brooks (with Stitches Space Ship). There is always room for an additional Scout or two — please call Karen or Frank West at 978-658-1754 or email Troop136Wilm@aol.com for info.

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


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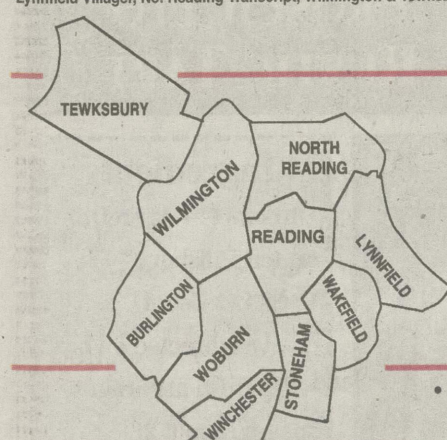
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Local communities continue to weigh CPA pros, cons

By RYAN LAROCHE

As communities grapple with increasing their affordable housing stock while also preserving open space and historic buildings, many are also dealing with expensive capital projects, some involving schools, others involving libraries and city or town halls.

The CPA funds, based on local criteria, can only be used to preserve open space and historic sites, create affordable housing, or develop outdoor recreational facilities. The main issue concerns how to fund everything without causing taxpayers to go broke.

One option involves an override, which is simply a way for cities and towns to increase a resident's property taxes more than the state-allowed 2.5 percent. Communities can either ask voters to support a general override or a debt-exclusion override. With a general override, money typically goes directly into the budget (or capital account) and can be used for closing budget gaps or toward capital projects.

With a debt-exclusion override, communities ask voters to support raising taxes for a specific project or projects (such as a new school - Winchester just passed a debt-exclusion override to pay for the new Lynch Elementary School and Burlington will need to pass one to pay for the new Fox Hill School).

Another option involves the use of Free Cash, I.e. money from a reserve fund typically used to cover the cost of one-time expenses (for instance, a new roof on the library or new windows at city hall). This doesn't cost taxpayers any money; however, using too much can negatively affect a community's bond rating. The higher the rating, and Aaa is the highest, the lower the interest rates a community pays when borrowing.

A third option, one that former Governor Paul Cellucci signed into law back in 2000, is known as the Community Preservation Act. This, like an override, does increase property taxes. The difference concerns the amount, as communities that adopt the CPA can only impose a surcharge of no more than three percent on a resident's tax bill.

If approved, communities must create a bylaw and a Community Preservation Committee that recommends how the money should be spent. Proponents say it is a smart growth tool that enables communities to

preserve open space and historic sites, create affordable housing and develop outdoor recreational facilities. It can also help strengthen state and local economies by expanding housing opportunities and construction jobs for the Commonwealth's workforce, and by supporting the tourism industry through preservation of the state's historic and natural resources.

Opponents call it just another tax and a burden on taxpayers already dealing with the stress of taxes that some feel are already too high.

Many say no thanks

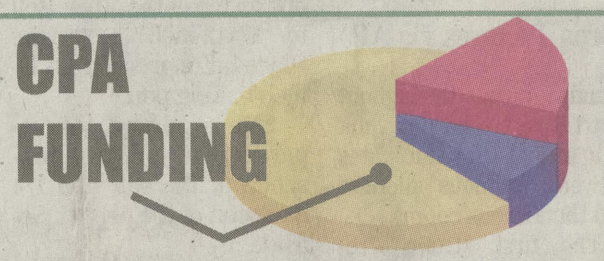
In the 24 years since Gov. Cellucci signed the act into law, many local communities have rejected it. Two years into its existence, Woburn attempted to pass it, but voters said no. June Mackenzie, one of the main proponents of the act, said that in 2002 it didn't pass because it was a last-minute effort. The city also asked for a three percent surcharge.

The City Council voted to place the question on the ballot, but was adamant that didn't mean they favored the question passing. Neither the council nor mayor made a recommendation either for or against the CPA.

12 years later, Woburn tried again. And it failed again.

Even as proponents attempted to sway voters by pointing out all the money the city lost out on by not adopting it back in 2002, voters still rejected the ballot measure by 131 votes. Woburn even lowered the surcharge amount to one percent.

At the time, the one per-



cent surcharge would have meant an extra \$26 a year on average (\$14.31 for a condo, \$29.48 for a three-family house, \$25.43 for a two-family house, and \$35.60 for a single-family home). Proponents felt the city would get back so much more.

Mackenzie said the city could generate as much as \$733,993 based on FY13 data (and that doesn't even include matching state grant). If the city approved a two percent surcharge, it could have generated more than \$1.3M. Three percent could have brought in just under \$2M. That money could have gone toward the \$30+ million dollar library addition; instead, the mayor and city funded it through other means.

Finally, proponents tried for a third time to pass the CPA in November of 2015. It failed by 1,786 votes.

Stoneham also rejected the CPA in 2013. Winchester, a community looking to adopt the CPA later this fall, rejected an initial attempt back in 2007.

The most recent community to reject the CPA, Burlington, did so back in 2022. It began in 2018 with members of the Select Board hearing a presentation from Conservation Commission Chair Larry Cohen about what being a part of the CPA entails. He told the board about the surcharge and the matching state grant, which is collected from real estate transactions at the Registry

of Deeds.

Cohen told the board nearly \$2B has been raised throughout the state and used to create nearly 5,000 affordable housing units, preserve 27,000 acres of open space, create 4,700 acres for historic preservation projects, and initiate 2,000 outdoor recreation projects.

Like all communities, Burlington would have to create a Community Preservation Committee that conducts studies for a community's needs and preservation. The Commit-

tee would hold one public hearing each year to receive feedback from the public and vote on projects to send to Town Meeting for approval.

The various aspects of the CPA - open space, historic sites, affordable housing, and outdoor recreation facilities - would each have to get at least 10 percent of the funds, so no category can get more than 70 percent.

"The CPA is not just a tax for our residents, it is a steady funding source for preserving and enhancing our community's character and quality of life. Burlington residents who can least afford it will pay no surcharge at all as long as they qualify for the necessary exemptions," Cohen told the Select Board back in 2018.

"The CPA funds could be used for a bike trail, pull-off access to Landlocked Forest from Rt. 3 South, hiking path, dog park, boardwalks through a wetland resource area, softball field, preserving historic homes, and affordable housing."

At the time, the board did not support or reject the idea; instead, they tasked the Conservation Commission with gathering more information and promoting it throughout town.

By 2022, the CPA made its way onto November mid-term election ballot after receiving the approval of Town Meeting. Burlington proposed a 1.5 percent surcharge, the most common rate, according to Conservation Commission Chair

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'Dune: Part Two' sustains the dystopian dream



SANDS OF TIME - Timothee Chalamet, above, as Paul in a scene from "Dune: Part Two" released by Warner Bros. Pictures. (Niko Tavernise/Warner Bros. Pictures via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Three firm thumps into the Arrakis sand is all you need to summon a sandworm in Denis Villeneuve's "Dune: Part Two." It's almost as easy as hailing a

cab or calling for the check. The big buggers can't resist the sound, which is a little like how I feel taking in all the vibrations of Villeneuve's adaptation of Frank Herbert's 1965 science-fiction novel. Whispers, incantations and guttural

sounds buzz throughout "Part Two," a hissing hulk of a sequel that fluctuates between ominous silences and thunderous booms.

The first "Dune," released in 2021 when movie theaters were still humbled by the pandemic, tackled just the first half of Herbert's opus, saving the second half for the sequel. That split can be owed in part to the enormous amount of plot contained in the novel, but it can also be attributed to the operatic rhythms of Villeneuve's solemn spectacle. Sober as they are, "Dune" parts one and two are almost drunk on their own sense of atmosphere.

And with good reason. Like its predecessor, "Dune: Part Two" thrums with an intoxicating big-screen expressionism of monoliths and mosquitos, fevered visions and messianic fervor — more dystopian dream, or nightmare, than a straightforward narrative.

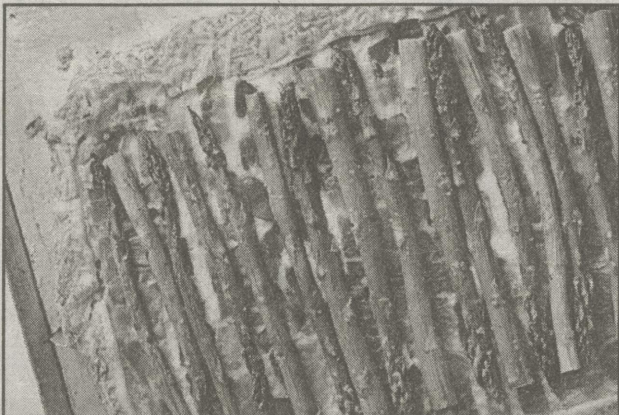
That filmmaking prowess sometimes comes at the expense of other things. Humor, for one, is in shorter supply on Arrakis than water. Javier Bardem, returning as the Fremen leader Stilgar, alone seems to want to breathe a little laughter into all the fiery red sands and mammoth machinery of "Dune."

"Part Two" primarily follows the rise of Paul Atreides (Timothee Chalamet), who, after seeing his father killed and House Atreides routed from the Arrakis capital by House Harkonnen and Baron Vladimir Harkonnen (a monstrously good Stellan Skarsgård), is now living among the Fremen, the desert-dwelling peoples of Arrakis, with his mother Lady Jessica (Rebecca Ferguson).

The myth of Paul is already growing among the Fremen, who call him Muad'Dib. (A great feature of these movies, like Herbert's books, is the exquisite names.) Is he the chosen one or a false prophet? Doubts are gradually erased

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RUSTIC FLAVOR - Easy but impressive, this cheesy rustic tart topped with prosciutto and asparagus spears will make you look like a pro.

- STEPS
1. Heat oven to 450°F. On lightly floured surface, unroll and stack pie crusts one on top of the other. Roll to 17x12-inch rectangle. Place on ungreased 18x13-inch baking pan.
 2. In large bowl, toss asparagus in oil, 1/4 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper. Set aside.
 3. In medium bowl, stir together mozzarella cheese, cream cheese, 1/2 cup of the Parmesan cheese, the sour cream, garlic, egg, remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper.
 4. Spread cheese mixture evenly onto pie crust, leaving 1 1/2-inch border around edge. Arrange pro-

sciutto strips on top of cheese mixture. Arrange asparagus, alternating tips to bottoms, on top of prosciutto. Fold edge of pie crust over filling all around, leaving asparagus uncovered.

5. In small bowl, use whisk to beat egg yolk and water. Brush edges of crust with egg yolk mixture, and sprinkle with remaining 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese. Bake 19 to 24 minutes or until edges are golden brown and asparagus is tender. Cool 15 minutes on pan on cooling rack.



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- 1 lb fresh asparagus spears (about 21, medium thickness), trimmed to 7 inches
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (8 oz)
- 4 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 egg
- 1 package (3 oz) thinly sliced prosciutto, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch strips
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon water

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by his accomplishments (leading strikes against Harkonnen spice harvesters; quickly learning the ways of the Fremen); the cunning maneuvering of Lady Jessica; and the worshipful zeal of Stilgar.

The Fremen warrior Chani (Zendaya), though skeptical of the hype, believes, with some reluctance, in Paul. "Part Two" is significantly propped up by their dynamic and budding romance, a relationship that gives a deserving wide-screen canvas to two of the most exciting young movie stars of their generation.

For a while it's fun and games in the desert, blowing up stuff and learning how to ride sand worms. Oh, there's the matter of the "holy poison" forced on Lady Jessica, a neon-blue liquid extracted from sand worms that looks like it would produce a fine Slush Puppie, but, if it doesn't kill you, confers a frightful clairvoyance of the universe.

Blue is an important color in the otherwise darker shaded "Dune." It lights up in Lady Jessica's eyes and, later, Paul's too. If you thought Peter O'Toole's eyes blazed in "Lawrence of Arabia," Paul's look like they've been pumped through with windshield-wiper fluid. As his following swells, Paul grows increasingly aware, and fearful, of

his god-like power.

"Dune: Part Two" spends much of its energy with Paul wrestling with this supposed messianic destiny. Like "Lawrence of Arabia," he's a white protagonist from the West (or, here, the "Outer World") on a Middle Eastern-like desert, leading the revolution of a dark-skinned population against oppressors whom he, himself, has deep ties to.

Herbert's metaphor-rife book has sometimes been interpreted — or misinterpreted, scholars would say — by the alt-right for its racial politics. Villeneuve's film, scripted by the director and Jon Spaihts, appears highly conscious of this legacy as well as that of the white-savior trope. And often — as in so much of these two films — the movie expresses itself most through imagery and movement.

The Harkonnens, universally white, bald and violent, are served up as the symbol of colonist rule. In the middle of "Part Two," the film introduces the Harkonnen prince Feyd-Rautha (a hairless Austin Butler, looking a bit too much like the albino protagonist of 1995's "Powder") who is a kind of opposite to Paul. He, too, could take command of Arrakis.

When Villeneuve temporarily switches to Feyd-Rautha's story and away

from Paul and Chani, the film's richly orchestrated sense of momentum falters. But the comparison is illuminating. In a massive colosseum, Feyd-Rautha ruthlessly battles a trio of Atreides survivors in a scene, bleached in monochrome, that looks like "Triumph of the Will," supersized.

There's an earnest reckoning here in the power dynamics of the source material and previous Hollywood tales of first-and-third world confrontations. There's plenty of doubt to go around for all involved, too. The movie's perspective ultimately resides in the drained, shrouded face of Charlotte Rampling, who plays the matriarch of the Bene Gesserit (again, the names!), a mystic order that pulls the strings behind the galactic politics of "Dune." For her, it's a game of raw calculation and "no sides."

As "Part Two" brings all parties together for the final act, it begins to lose steam. The Emperor (Christopher Walken) and his daughter Princess Irulan (Florence Pugh), seen sporadically from afar debating the events on Arrakis, turn up. But while Walken's company is always welcome, he might be too warm a presence for "Dune" — too much of the Earth despite so often seeming on a planet of his own.

Yet the limpness of the finale, despite all of the expert build-up of Hans Zimmer's score and Mark Mangini and Theo Green's sound design, goes to something deeper. Villeneuve's great talent lies, I think, in invocation. He may be less perfect when it comes to conclusions but he's brilliant at summoning — a sense of doom, a suddenly appeared spacecraft, a sandworm. Even better than those serpentine sand creatures (the runaway stars of "Part Two") is that thump, thump, thump that precedes them.

"Dune: Part Two," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association for sequences of strong violence, some suggestive material and brief strong language.

Running time: 165 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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Cohen. Under that proposal, a home valued at \$600,000 would see an extra \$75 a year for homeowners while a \$2M home would cost taxpayers an extra \$750 or more.

At the time, the state would have matched 40 percent, meaning every dollar produced by taxpayers equals an additional \$0.40 from the state for a total of \$1.40. Therefore, if Burlington raised \$1M the state would have offered up an additional \$400,000.

While the article passed by a clear majority, it only allowed the question to go forward to voters in November. Once voters got a hold of it, however, they were less enthused. 6,354 registered voters rejected the CPA while 4,196 registered voters backed it.

Reading making the attempt

While the CPA has not been popular in Woburn, Stoneham or Burlington, Reading appears ready to give it a go. Late last month, the Select Board approved an ad hoc committee to look

into adopting the CPA.

The Select Board already heard presentations on the CPA from then Economic Development Director Ben Cares along with Chase Mark, the Communications Director of the Community Preservation Coalition. Town discussions on the next steps for the CPA were being done by McCarthy, Cares, and former Town Manager Fidel Maltez. With all three gone, acting Town manager Matt Kraunelis has picked up the ball and run with it.

The first step in adopting the CPA involves the formation of a committee of residents to look into the potential benefits for Reading and make a recommendation to the Select Board. One member, Chris Haley, already stated his opposition to the CPA because of the tax increase but supported the formation of the ad hoc committee.

"It's truly up to the voters," he said.

Another member, Karen Herrick, expressed her support for the CPA, saying it helps communities avoid overrides. She spoke to individuals in communities that adopted the CPA (approximately 200) and said the

feedback has been positive.

Going forward, the committee will be made up of seven members with one non-voting member. It will include an Affordable Housing Trust representative, one Select Board member, one Recreation Committee member, one Finance Committee member, one Historical Commission member, and two residents (with a preference for those who currently or in the past have been on the Trails Committee, Town Forest Committee or Conservation Commission).

The one non-voting member will be Kathryn Gallant, Director of the Reading Housing Authority. If the Select Board approves, a question would appear on the Town Meeting warrant. If Town Meeting approves, the ballot question would go to voters during the next scheduled election (this means a community can't hold a special election to adopt the CPA).

Winchester tries again

While Woburn's second attempt failed, Winchester hopes for better luck this November. After failing in 2007,

Winchester plans to put the question to voters again (assuming Town Meeting passes the warrant article this spring).

Back in the fall, members of the Select Board - vice-chair Anthea Brady and Michael Bettencourt - gave a presentation on the CPA to Town Meeting. Brady told Town Meeting her board has been discussing the matter for nearly two years.

She said her board established a study group back in September to work with stakeholder groups.

Bettencourt said the core of the CPA involves a surcharge for high-demand and underfunded uses in town. He said a 1.5 percent surcharge would generate approximately \$1.5M to the town plus a matching grant of 20 percent or \$300,000 (the percentage fluctuates each year). This includes exemptions for low-income residents, seniors, commercial and industrial properties, and homes valued at or below \$100,000.

Bettencourt said 96 percent of properties in town are mid-high income. Over the next five years, should it pass this fall, the town could

receive \$10M with just a 1.5 percent surcharge (though some in town are pushing for a three percent surcharge).

For Winchester residents, a 1.5 percent surcharge amounts to an extra \$65-\$323 per year on their tax bill (\$16-\$81 per quarter).

Once passed, the town would create a Community Preservation Fund. The funds, Bettencourt told the Select Board last August, could even be leveraged through borrowing and bonding. Money from the fund, Town Manager Beth Rudolph said, would be appropriated by Town Meeting, similar to how Town Meeting authorizes Capital Planning Committee projects.

"It's necessary for the town to pass it," Bettencourt said about the CPA.

Tewksbury: 1 of 1

Although most every community in the Middlesex East readership area has rejected the CPA, one community chose to adopt it back in 2006. Since then, the town raised more than \$13M (and that doesn't even include the state's matching grant, which, when factored in brings the total to more than

\$17M).

According to information provided by Town Manager Richard Montuori, Tewksbury raised more than \$500,000 in its first year. The following year, not only did the town raise even more, but the state matched at 98 percent, basically doubling the town's CPA money.

By FY12, the town raised well over \$600,000 with a 23 percent match from the state. More recently, Tewksbury eclipsed the \$1M mark back in FY20. Last fiscal year, FY23, Tewksbury raked in \$1.2M, plus an additional \$250,000 from the state.

All this additional money has gone to many projects like the renovation of town hall, restoration of monuments in town, open space boardwalks, etc. And the town, like any community which adopts the CPA, has a Community Preservation Committee to go over every project and make recommendations on which to fund.

While many local communities rejected the CPA over the last 24 years, one community embraced it and it's clearly working out well.

'Rock N Roll Outlaw - The Ballad of Myles Connor', a music-filled crime documentary film at Regent Theatre, March 17, 2 p.m.

Arlington's historic Regent Theatre is set to present the Boston area premiere of the feature length music and crime documentary film, ROCK N ROLL OUTLAW - 'The Ballad of Myles Connor'.

DATE: Sunday, March 17, 2024 • **TIME:** 2:00 PM Doors Open at 1:00PM

This premiere event will be Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 2:00pm at the Regent which is nearby Arlington Catholic H.S. and Massachusetts Avenue in Downtown, Arlington, MA.. This event will feature the film's first Boston area screening, special additional behind the scenes video content, and a panel discussion with an audience Question and Answer with panel members.

Rock N Roll Outlaw is the documentary portrait of Myles Connor, who many think of as Boston's first rock star. In his Rock n' Roll career Myles was known for exciting live shows, and elaborate stage craft. He was sometimes carried onto the stage in a closed casket or drove a motorcycle up onto the stage. He was one of the first New England rockers to release records.

The film is also about Myles' longtime friend, manager, producer and fixer, the show business legend Al Dotoli. Al and Myles have been friends since they were teens in Milton, Massachusetts. Dotoli is an integral part of many of Myles adventures. When Myles went on to criminal graduate school in prison lock ups, Al travelled the world with artists such as Dionne Warwick, Sha Na Na, and Frank Sinatra. Two branches of the same tree grown in wildly different directions.

The film's subtitle is "an unbelievably true story". It is an apt subtitle. Some of Myles Connors adventures included, breaking out of a county jail using a fake gun fashioned from a bar of soap, getting in a

rooftop shootout with police, during which he and a state cop were shot. He stole a Rembrandt with the sole intention of using it as a "get out of jail" free card. Al Dotoli was the masked man tasked with the clandestine return of the masterpiece.

Myles is one of the first names to come up when the Gardner Museum Heist. The thirty fourth anniversary of which falls on the day of the film's premiere, March 17th. Although Myles was incarcerated at the time of the Gardner Heist, Boston PD called the Sangamon County Jail, where Myles was being held, to request they do a bed check to confirm that he had not broken out to do this heist.

Following the screening, there will be a moderated discussion and audience Q and A with a panel comprised of Myles Connor, Al Dotoli, and special guest Anthony Amore. Amore is the Director of Security, and lead detective at the Gardner Museum. Anthony and Myles became friends through their shared interest in art and recovering the Gardner Paintings. Anthony is on record calling Myles Connor the world's greatest art thief. The discussion will be lively, with the potential for new revelations about the case. The panel will be moderated by the film's director, Bruce Macomber, a veteran of 40 plus years in the film and music business. Bruce has produced records and films with Rock N Roll Hall of Famers, Emmy and Oscar winners.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Homeowner complains of unknown person knocking on door multiple times, running away

Monday, February 26

2:24 a.m. - Call for three vehicles that were doing donuts in the parking lot at Walmart. Police sent. Parties were spoken to and were leaving.

4:26 p.m. - Caller reported two vehicles, one pickup truck and one SUV, parked suspiciously in the area of Sunnyslope Avenue. Police sent. They reported they spoke to the parties and they would be on their way.

7:41 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he was getting into an argument with a customer at Petrol Station about a money exchange issue. The customer believed the cashier shorted her by \$20. Police sent and reported this was just a dispute over change and advice was given.

8:42 p.m. - Call for a red SUV possibly a Toyota that was all over the road near Mexica Burrito Grill. Police sent but gone on arrival.

Tuesday, February 27

12:09 a.m. - A 911 caller stated there may be people smoking narcotics in the gazebo at Saunders Building. The state hospital campus police notified.

2:30 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle's alarm system had been going off for the past four or five hours at ECO Auto of Tewksbury. Police sent. One of the Teslas in the area had its hood open. It had been closed and would be remaining in the area for bit to see if the alarm goes off again.

4:36 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious male in the area of Tewksbury Music that was possibly under the influence. Caller reported that she was no longer in the area but the male was there approximately five minutes ago. White male was five foot ten inches and wearing a green winter hat and flannel jacket. Police sent. The area was checked and the party was gone on arrival.

6:22 p.m. - Caller reported 10-plus cars racing in the parking lot at Jon Ryan's Pub. Police sent.

They spoke with the individuals in the parking lot and they would be on their way.

Wednesday, February 28

3:02 a.m. - Police checked on male party walking near North Street and Livingston Street. They spoke with the male party. The male party was out for a walk.

2:44 p.m. - Security has asked a box truck operator to leave the property several times and they had not done so at Walmart. Police sent. Vehicle left prior to arrival.

6:59 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver crossed the double lines at Whipple Road. Caller reported the vehicle crossed into Billerica. Billerica Police Department notified.

7:26 p.m. - Caller from South Street reported a white box truck believed to be out speeding excessively on South Street. Last seen driving towards South Street. Police sent to check the area. They found the vehicle and did

not observe any erratic operation.

Thursday, February 29

2:11 a.m. - Logan Lajeunesse, 24, of 62 Williams St. in Norwich Connecticut, was arrested on a warrant.

6:51 a.m. - Caller reported while he was going for a walk he saw the door to Babicz Road residence open. To his knowledge, the house was being renovated and was not currently occupied. Police sent. House was clear.

9:24 a.m. - Homeowner called stating an unknown person knocked on her front door multiple times within the last three days at Lowe Street. Person knocked on her door this morning but when she answered, he ran away. She had a camera that had an image of the person. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

1:51 p.m. - Caller was not home and stated he received a call from his girlfriend that a black car and two male parties left

a paving card in his and his neighbors doors at David Morris Road. Police sent. Officer spoke to a party. They were a legitimate company and were handing out flyers.

Friday, March 1

1:17 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 with a motor vehicle, unoccupied and running. They reported they spoke to a female who was staying there for the night. She checked out.

11:08 a.m. - A 911 caller reported female refusing to leave the store at AT&T. Police sent. Officer reported Tele language Interpretive Service was utilized and female going to Burlington. Misunderstanding while the female tried the change a business account to personal.

11:36 a.m. - Andover Police Department reported a gray Mazda sedan swerved on Andover Street. Police checked the area but unable to locate.

Saturday, March 2

8:44 a.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver on Main Street near Ocean State Job Lot. The vehicle crossed into Lowell and pulled into Milan Pizza. Lowell Police Department was notified.

6:15 p.m. - Police reported a suspicious vehicle at Main Street. Vehicle check-

ed out, and the male was eating.

6:53 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver that was crossing the double yellow line at Main Street. Police sent. They stopped the vehicle at Capital Avenue. He was having trouble seeing in the rain and was advised to pull over if he couldn't operate safely.

8:07 p.m. - Caller reported a male party walked in the roadway at Rerncroft Road and Whipple Road. The male wore dark clothing. Police sent and nothing found in the area.

9:18 p.m. - Police reported they were flagged down by a party stating they heard three gunshots at Pinewood Road. They were in the area and didn't hear anything. Nothing was found and no other calls were made.

Sunday, March 3

2:19 a.m. - Call for white car parked near the end of Lodge at Ames Pond that was blaring music. Police sent. They spoke to the male party and he would be keeping it down.

11:58 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a female trying to take her son's vehicle from Motel 6. Police sent. No car theft, just a misunderstanding. Officer filed a report.



Wilmington Police Log

Police keep busy, make eight arrests

Friday, Feb. 23:

6:11 a.m.: Darius J Franklin of 85 Groveland St., Apt. #1, in Haverhill, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his gray 2010 Honda Accord on Concord Street.

3:38 p.m.: Security at the Target on Ballardvale Street reported a past shoplifting incident by two women about an hour and a half beforehand. Both parties got away.

3:41 p.m.: A black 2020 Audi Q3 and a brown 2018 Toyota Tacoma were involved in a minor motor vehicle accident near the Eastern Bank on Main Street. No injuries were reported, airbags were not deployed, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

Saturday, Feb. 24:

1:07 a.m.: Liam Kearney of 10 Burlington Ave., Apt. #2206, in Wilmington, was arrested for negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration, and a 2nd offense of OUI- Liquor over .08%. This followed a stop of his

blue 2007 Ford Mustang on Main Street.

1:25 p.m.: Moises Tevenal of 98 DeWitt Dr., in Boston, was arrested for a subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, while Andrew J Doucet of 370 Woburn St., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for knowingly permitting operation of a motor vehicle under a suspended license. This followed a stop of their white 2011 Chevy Silverado on Woburn Street.

8:38 p.m.: Italo Otavio Domingos de Carvalho of 12 Hobson Ave., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation, and a motor vehicle lights violation. This followed a stop of his black 2013 Hyundai Sonata near the Red Heat Tavern on Lowell Street.

9:40 p.m.: Joshua K Mac Dermott of 70 Lynde Ave., in Melrose, was arrested on undisclosed charges. This followed a stop of his gray 2016 Chevy Equinox near the Cornerstone Mitsubishi on Main Street.

Sunday, Feb. 25:

1:24 a.m.: Cassie M Doherty of 28 Congress St., in Wilmington, was arrested for a 2nd offense of

OUI-Liquor over .08%, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation, possession of a class B drug, and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of her gray 2022 Hyundai Santa Fe on Burlington Avenue and Forest Street.

12:35 p.m.: Joseph Anthony Costabile of 16 Sheffield Dr., in Billerica, was arrested for misdemeanor breaking & entering, trespassing, and possession of a class E drug. This followed a caller on Harris Street reporting that an unwanted family member was at the house of his deceased father-in-law, stating that the man was looking into the back patio and window the day before, and that day was attempting to open the slider and rear doors.

9:25 p.m.: Witman Y Perez of 8 Inman St., Apt. #24, in Lawrence, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a sus-

pending license and a hazardous materials transport violation. This followed a caller on Nichols Street reporting he did a private purchase of a motorcycle, but it arrived damaged, and the box truck delivering it did not have plates or any identifying marks on it.

Monday, Feb. 26:

2:55 a.m.: Sheila Mary Corbett of 10 Garden Heights Ave., in Woburn, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. This followed a caller at the CVS on Main Street reporting a shoplifter, stating that the shoplifter was driving a white Honda.

5:38 a.m.: Rogério Cunha de Sousa of 34 Royal Crest Dr., Apt. #9, in North Andover, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his white 2017 Honda Civic on Cunningham Street.

2:33 p.m.: Edward Jonathan Diaz of 11 Starbird St., Apt. #2, in Malden, was arrested for a 3rd offense of shoplifting by asportation. This followed loss prevention at the TJ Maxx on Main Street reporting a known shoplifter in the store being unruly. The suspect soon after fled on foot towards CVS, and was eventually caught at the McDonald's.

Tuesday, Feb. 27:

2:27 p.m.: An employee at Napa on Woburn Street reported that his parked truck had been hit by an 18-wheeler, and that the truck had since left. The truck arrived back on scene, and paperwork was exchanged.

2:59 p.m.: Mamta Mehra of 3 Pine Ave., in North Reading, was issued a summons for shoplifting over \$250 by asportation. This followed a caller at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting a shoplifter.

5:11 p.m.: A caller at the Target on Ballardvale Street reported a shoplifter. The shoplifter was issued a no trespass order for the Target, and the situation was resolved.

Wednesday, Feb. 28:

12:24 a.m.: A caller on Henry L Drive reported that while he was sleeping he heard a boom and noticed a blue minivan hit his wife's vehicle in the driveway, taking the bumper off and pushing it onto the grass. A camera showed the operator exiting the vehicle, with the operator appearing to be a white male, approximately 6 ft., wearing a white sweatshirt, blue jeans, and a black hat.

3:26 p.m.: Kimberly M Veno of 55 Amory St., Apt. #301, in Manchester, NH, was arrested for possession of a class B drug. This followed a stop of her blue 2007 Chevy Malibu near the St. Thomas Church on Middlesex Avenue.

Thursday, Feb. 29:

7:51 a.m.: A blue 2008 Honda Civic was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Ballardvale Street and Research Drive. The DPW was notified due to icy road conditions, and it was found that a fire hydrant had been knocked out in the accident, which the water department was notified.

3:38 p.m.: Albert Hughes Berry IV, of 77 Longwood Cir., in Kingston, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. This followed a caller at Ace Hardware on Main Street reporting a shoplifting that took place the previous Saturday, and wanting an officer to look at camera footage.

10:57 p.m.: William A Szydlowski of 75 West St., in Wilmington, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08%, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and a marked lanes violation. This followed a motor vehicle accident between a blue 2019 GMC Sierra and a white 2021 GMC Sierra.

Proposed multi-family housing zoning to be voted on at spring Town Meeting

WILMINGTON — The Town of Wilmington is required by a new state law (Section 3A of MGL Chapter 40A) to create an as-of-right multi-family zoning district of at least 50 acres, half of which is required to be located within a half mile of a commuter rail station. The district must allow for at least 1,248 units of multi-family housing units and is required to have a density of at least 15 units per acre.

The new zoning must be in place by Dec. 31, 2024. Following a two-week online community survey and public outreach, the Wilmington Planning Board has drafted a multi-family zoning district proposal for consid-

eration at the May 4, 2024 annual Town Meeting. Text and maps for the "MBTA Multi-family Overlay District (MOD)" can be viewed on the town's Planning & Conservation webpage: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/planning-conservation>.

The MOD is proposed as an overlay district that adds an option of future multi-family housing development on top of the existing zoning. Three story multi-family developments would be allowed as-of-right within the following four sub-districts, the exact boundaries of which can be viewed on the town's Planning & Conservation webpage:

- Main Street Mixed

- Use Sub-district - West side of Main Street from 433 Main St. (corner of Burlington Avenue and Main Street) north to 271 Main St. (McGovern Hyundai). This sub-district requires a ground floor commercial use in order to have residential on the upper two floors.

- Burlington Avenue Sub-district - 10 Burlington Ave. (Metro apartments site).

- Deming Way Sub-district - Deming Way Wilmington Housing Authority site.

- West Street Sub-district - 121 West St. (Regency Apartments site), 114 West St. (storage facility), 108 West St., and 100-104 West St. (Approved 40B development at

the corner of West Street and Lowell Street).

If passed with a majority vote at Town Meeting, the proposed MOD zoning would meet the new Section 3A requirement, keeping the town eligible for grant funding, keeping the Wilmington Housing Authority funding intact, and avoid enforcement action by the state.

Please visit the website for more information about the Section 3A requirement and how the town is proposing to address it. Do not hesitate to contact Valerie Gingrich, Director of Planning & Conservation at 978-658-8238 or vingrich@wilmingtonma.gov with any questions.

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Alli Ganley has led the Wilmington-Bedford gymnastics team to a memorable season. (Courtesy photo)

Senior gymnast at state individuals Saturday

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As a longtime gymnastics coach who has seen literally hundreds of girls tumble, swing and vault over her mats at the Reading Gymnastics Academy, Alex Parson knows the drill when it comes to welcoming and saying goodbye to athletes. The coach also knows, however, that there are exceptions to the rule.

"You are not allowed to have favorites, but you cling to some kids more than you do to others just because of the personality they have," said Parson of one particularly outgoing gymnast, Alli Ganley, who she has been clinging to for the last 13 years now.

"I am going to be absolutely devastated to lose her. She's just any coach's dream."

Chances are if you asked her high school gymnastics coach, Kristen Hanon, Wildcats girls soccer coach Alvi Ibanez, or Wilmington girls track and field coach Brian Schell about Ganley, you might get a very similar answer. The senior three-sport standout from Wilmington will wrap up her stellar high school gymnastics career this Saturday in the state individual championship at Algonquin Regional High School after leading Wilmington-Bedford to a surprising eighth place finish in the state at the same venue a week earlier.

"We're a tiny, but mighty team," Ganley enthused of the three year-old, co-op team which went 6-2 this season in the Middlesex League with a squad of only 10 gymnasts, four of whom were new to the sport. Nonetheless, the squad qualified for the sectionals where they were seeded seventh out of the 12-team field. That should have been the end of the story, but Ganley and Co. had other ideas. Wilmington-Bedford finished in the top four to grab the final qualifying spot for the state final and were the lone squad from the Middlesex League to make it.

"I was wicked proud of everyone," said Ganley. "Everyone pulled through. Whether it was the kids who were sitting and cheering us on, everyone was

supportive."

The senior captain has written — and rewritten — the school record book over her last three years, especially in her favorite event, the uneven bars where the Level 9 gymnast averaged a whopping 9.5 each time out this winter. Ganley added a punctuation mark to her stellar career with a scintillating school record 9.6 in the event on senior night.

Ganley has already qualified for the High School Senior Invitational in Fort Myers in May and Parson believes Ganley also has a good shot to make it to USA Gymnastics Nationals at the same sunny locale as well.

It's a long way from that fateful day 13 years ago where a fellow parent urged Kim and Ken Ganley to enroll their then

five-year-old daughter in gymnastics after watching her effortlessly cartwheel her way down the sidelines while her older brother Joe played in a youth soccer game in town. Suffice it to say, it's a decision that Parson will forever be grateful for.

"She's a phenomenal athlete through and through," said Parson of Ganley who has consistently excelled in the bars and the all-around for her over the last 13 years at the elite club level. "She would always place in the top in states and regionals. She has been accomplished at every level she's been on."

Parson is quick to note that Ganley's leadership qualities are equally commensurate to her physical gifts.

"She's very outgoing and

she's a leader. You can count on her to take the extra step to bring another kid out of their shell. I know this year they had quite a few new kids (on her high school team) and I know she went out of her way to teach them the basics of gymnastics. I admire her for that."

A CASE STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Spending five hours a day hurling through your body through the air as Ganley routinely does each winter doesn't come without a cost and the tumbler has an x-ray chart that perhaps only the late motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel could truly appreciate. It started with a broken back in seventh grade that landed her in a back brace for six

months.

"The worst part was just sitting there and watching all my friends compete," she said of the injury.

After making it all the way to regionals for club gymnastics as a freshman, Ganley once again was diagnosed with a broken back, this time in two places, and again had to dust off the back brace. The next year, and her first season with the brand new Wilmington-Bedford team, a faulty landing on her floor exercise again shelved the gymnast with a severely sprained ankle. The painful injury effectively ended her season, although she did help lead Wilmington to the North finals by competing on the bars, balking ankle and all.

Last year, Ganley looked primed to lead the team back to the North finals and beyond, but a broken ankle from an awkward landing on vault at a club meet ended those dreams. The hope was that the injury, which also included several torn ligaments, would be fully healed for her senior season, but last June it was diagnosed that the bones were not healing correctly and surgery was suggested. A soccer player for just as long as she has been a gymnast, the suggestion of sacrificing her final season of soccer fell on deaf ears by the determined Ganley.

"I needed to play soccer so I pushed through all the pain throughout soccer," said Ganley, who helped guide the Wildcats to a tournament win under the Wildcats' first-year coach, Ibanez.

Instead of opting for surgery, she has become the poster girl for the wonders of athletic tape and credits the Wilmington training staff and the flexibility she has been afforded by all her coaches for helping her reach her goals.

"Occasionally I'll take a day off because my coaches make me, but as a gymnast you can't really take many days off," said Ganley who plans to have surgery once she wraps up her track and field career for the Wildcats that saw her make it to states last spring with a 103-foot effort in the javelin.

Given her hectic schedule there has been many a day where Ganley fol-

lowed up a two-hour soccer practice with another three and a half hours under Parson's watchful eye, before finally getting home sometime around 9. Somehow through it all she has managed an unweighted GPA of 4.08.

"I definitely stay up a little late (studying), but I love it, so it's worth it in the end," Ganley explained.

THE PERFECT MAJOR AT THE PERFECT SCHOOL

The stellar grades combined with her athletic resume saw UNH, UConn and UMass Lowell, all roll out the red carpet this spring, but ultimately they could not compete with a Ganley family tree that is very well rooted in Amherst. Not only are both of her parents proud UMass alums, Ganley's older sister, Becca, just graduated from the school and when she arrives on campus in the fall, her brother Joe, a current junior at UMass, will be there to show her around.

While UMass only has a club gymnastics squad, they do offer a major that would seem to be the perfect fit for this fearless, and resilient, gymnast — Kinesiology, the study of movement.

"I want to be a physical therapist," said Ganley. "Ever since I broke my back in seventh grade I have wanted to be a physical therapist."

True to form Ganley has already set up an internship with a local physical therapist for this spring which she is excited for, but right now she is focused on her final state and national meets in a sport that has meant so much to her, not to mention competing in front of the same support group that has been with her since Day One.

"I love looking up in the crowd and seeing my insanely supportive grandparents (Don and Janet Ganley and Sue Heidbrink), parents and siblings," she said with a smile.

"Sports is really all I know and the community of teammates, coaches, everyone has been so awesome. I don't ever want to leave gymnastics. I am not ready for the day that's it's all over."



Alli Ganley performs on the balance beam at a recent meet. (Courtesy photo)

Shawsheen hockey advances to Elite Eight

Rams blank Blackstone Valley for spot in state quarterfinals

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A three-goal second period led the Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team to a 3-0 win over visiting Blackstone Valley Tech of Upton in the Div. 3 Round of 16 Sunday.

The victory advances the second-seeded Rams (21-1) to the state quarterfinals on Wednesday night at Framingham's Loring Arena against Medfield, the 10th seed.

"Medfield is good," said Ram coach Chuck Baker. "It's going to be a physical game. We're back in the (Elite Eight) and we're going to try to get that elephant off of our back."

After a scoreless first period, Shawsheen broke the tie at 4:40 of the second when senior Chase Darcey of Billerica scored, assisted by junior Larry Cullity of Billerica.

Blackstone had a power play shortly after the Ram goal, but a penalty kill led by sophomore Jake Banda of Wilmington, junior Zack

Timmons of Wilmington, sophomore Jacoby Patterson of Billerica and Cullity helped keep the visitors off the board.

Banda had one memorable play in the second period when he single-handedly broke up a breakaway with an outstanding check.

At 12:20 of the period, the Rams made it 2-0 with a power-play goal. Cullity's shot from the point was tipped home by Darcey.

"That puts him at 51 points for the season," Baker said. "But we have a lot of guys, 10 to 11 kids, that have a knack for scoring. They all know how to play."

Just 36 seconds later, sophomore Justin Thibert of Wilmington made it 3-0 with a goal assisted by junior Dylan Higson of Bedford.

Shawsheen killed a third-period penalty and senior goalie Mike Cedrone continued his stellar season with another shutout.

In its playoff opener, the Rams beat Hopedale, 3-1. Senior Keenan Considine



▲ Chase Darcey celebrates a goal during Shawsheen's win on Sunday.

► Jake Banda and the Shawsheen defense stole the show on Sunday as the Rams beat Blackstone Valley, 3-0.

(Doug Hastings photos)

of Wilmington got Shawsheen on the scoreboard in the first period, scoring a goal assisted by Timmons and Thibert.

In the second, the Rams took a 2-0 lead when senior Liam Milne of Wilmington converted a pass from Banda.

Patterson scored for Shawsheen in the third period, assisted by junior Ben Gibbons of Wilmington and sophomore Charlie Shannon of Billerica.



Boys hockey falls in second round

After topping Fitchburg, Wildcats topped by Stoneham

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TEWKSBURY — It's not often when a team meets a conference rival in the postseason.

After battling Stoneham twice this winter in the Middlesex League's regular season, Sunday night's Div. 4 Sweet 16 matchup was a chapter-renewed between No. 7 Wilmington and No. 10 Stoneham.

The red-hot Wildcats arrived at their second-round matchup with all the momentum in the world.

Winners in four of their last seven contests — including a 5-2 win over Stoneham — the 'Cats were hungry for another win over a familiar foe.

Only this time, the Spartans got the better of them.

"When you're playing a league rival, you know these games can go either way," said WHS coach Steve Scanlon. "We had the better of them that night, and then the tie, and they got us tonight."

Stoneham pieced together a dominant performance, scoring six unanswered goals to skate past Wilmington, 6-0.

From the drop of the puck, Wilmington was in trouble.

Although Stoneham only put one goal on the board through the first 15 minutes, the Spartans held an 8-2 shots-on-goal advantage, outskating Wilmington up and down Breakaway Ice Center.

"I tip my hat to Stoneham," said Scanlon. "I thought they outplayed us, they outskated us, they outworked us. We didn't get much generated as far as offense, and we didn't do enough to win tonight."

The floodgates opened in the second period, where Stoneham peppered Wildcat goalie Tyler Marinho with 15 shots, scoring four of their six goals in a 10-minute span. After a slow first period, Wilmington was unable to recover.

"Not an ideal way to start when there's so much emotion at the beginning of the game, and you let up a deflected goal like that, it sets you back on your heels," said Scanlon.

Marino — stopping 26 of 32 shots on Sunday — was outstanding throughout the game to keep his team afloat. The effort was nothing out of the ordinary for the junior netminder.

"He's the reason we've been as successful as we have," said Scanlon. "He's kept us in so many games,



Senior Bobby Cyr (6) pumps up his teammates as they take the ice against Fitchburg. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

and we owe him a lot. I don't think we did a good job defending in front of him tonight. There were a lot of turnovers and some goals we could have cleaned up."

As Stoneham was applying constant pressure to Wilmington's attack, the 'Cats couldn't manage to generate any meaningful scoring opportunities. They registered their first

shot on goal at the 6:38 mark of the first period, totaling just 12 more the rest of the way.

Wilmington was also 0 for 5 on the man advantage.

"They were an inspired team," continued Scanlon. "They were giving it up everywhere, hard work, skating, blocking shots. Doing all the extra things, you got to tip your hat to them. They played a pretty complete game. If they play like that in the next round, they're going to win."

And while it wasn't the way his group expected the night to unfold, Scanlon can't help but be proud of the strides his team made in one of the more challenging leagues in the state this season.

"Things were tough for us in the first part of the year," said Scanlon. "We struggled to score goals the whole year long. That was evident tonight even on opportunities, so goals weren't easy to come by for us. But we were a hardworking team, and

we got great goaltending. The second part of the year, we really got some big wins to get here."

The 'Cats will graduate eight seniors in Eric Spinney, Bobby Cyr, Joey Malvone, Adam Ebert, Aidan Thibert, Daniel Lagunilla, Ryan Weinstein, and AJ Chisholm.

"I'm proud of my guys for the way they handled themselves down the stretch," said Scanlon. "There were a lot of big wins to get ourselves into the tournament, and always exciting too to get a win. All in all, we had a pretty good year."

In the playoff opener, Wilmington handled Fitchburg, 4-1.

The guests actually took a 1-0 lead early in the game, but Wilmington methodically took control of the game.

The Wildcats tied the game after one period, took a 2-1 lead after two and then made it 3-1 just 21 seconds into the third. An empty-net goal in the final minute put the finishing touches on the victory.

WHS junior goalie Tyler Marinho stopped a breakaway in the game's opening moments before Fitchburg finally took the early lead.

Wilmington started swarming after falling behind as senior Bobby Cyr and senior Eric Spinney both had great scoring chances, Spinney after senior Ryan Weinstein's powerful move around the Fitchburg goal resulted in a scramble out front.

Finally, senior Adam Ebert sent senior Daniel Lagunilla in on a partial breakaway and Lagunilla cashed in, tying the score.

The WHS defense didn't allow much the rest of the way, led by Cyr, Spinney, junior Tyler Florencio and sophomore Colin Allard.

Freshman Ryan Archer put the Wildcats in front in the second period with a goal assisted by senior A.J. Chisholm and senior Joey Malvone.

Ebert scored in the opening seconds of the third period to make it 3-1 with a goal assisted by junior Matt O'Brien.

With 3:26 left, Wilmington was called for the game's only penalty, but a shorthanded unit of Cyr, Ebert, Lagunilla and Allard helped defuse the power play.

Cyr scored the empty netter with 56 ticks left on the clock.



▲ The Wildcats celebrate a goal in their win over Fitchburg.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Jill Collins dribbles down the court against Fontbonne. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Girls basketball wins a thriller

Depth the key
in 52-47 playoff
win over
Fontbonne

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When asked about his team's depth following its Div. 3 state tournament opener in Milton on Friday, Wilmington High girls basketball coach Chris Frissore couldn't help but smile.

For Frissore, his team's multi-faceted attack is something he's seen for more than three months now.

Fontbonne Academy, who hosted WHS at Curry Col-

lege, saw Wilmington's depth in a 52-47 victory that advanced Wilmington to Monday's Sweet 16 game against top-seeded Foxborough.

While winning on the road against the 20-2 No. 1 seeds was certainly a tall order, the win against Fontbonne certainly served as a huge leap for a Wildcat program that returns four of its five starters next season.

Defense is what sparked Wilmington's win against Fontbonne.

After the home team tied

the score at 44 on a layup by senior Tressa Murphy with 5:20 remaining, Fontbonne wouldn't score another point until a desperation 3-pointer by junior Maggie Bedard with two seconds left to play.

Senior Shaylan Bresnahan and junior Jill Collins were at the heart of Wilmington's late-game lockdown.

Bresnahan stopped three inside opportunities by Fontbonne while Collins was her usual ball-hawking self.

Wilmington took the lead for good when junior captain Alle Delgenio banked in a 3-pointer to make it 47-44.

After a steal by Bresnahan and then a well-defended shot by the senior, Bresnahan contributed on offense, scoring on a terrific pass by Delgenio to make it 49-44 with just 60 seconds to go.

After another defensive play by Bresnahan for force a missed inside shot, Delgenio and sophomore Erin McCarthy forced a double dribble by Fontbonne.

Fontbonne was forced to foul and Delgenio hit a foul shot for a 50-44 advantage with 17 seconds remaining.

Delgenio added one more defensive highlight before the game ended, cleanly blocking a layup by senior Ava Donaghue.

Bedard's 3-point heave gave Fontbonne a glimmer of hope, but McCarthy swished two foul shots with 1.4 seconds on the clock to seal the deal.

Wilmington led 16-12 after the first quarter with 3-pointers by McCarthy (9 points) and junior Eva Boudreau leading the offense.

Collins was busy with a steal, three assists and a basket in the first eight

minutes.

Sophomore Ali McElligott added an assist for Wilmington.

The 'Cats opened the second quarter with an 8-1 surge to take an 11-point lead.

Delgenio, who led WHS with 17 points, turned a steal by sophomore Summer Sands into a three-point play before a jumper by Bresnahan and a 3-pointer from Sands.

After calling a timeout, Fontbonne responded with an 8-0 spurt of its own and Wilmington led by three, 26-23, at halftime.

Fontbonne took its first lead since 3-2 in the opening moments of the third quarter on a 3-pointer by Bedard (18 points, five 3-pointers).

The home team led 33-30 when Boudreau stepped up for WHS.

WHS sophomore Leah Murphy grabbed an offensive rebound and swished a short jumper to make it 33-32 before Boudreau took over.

After scoring just one basket in the first half, Boudreau scored four straight third-quarter points with a driving layup and a 12-foot jump shot.

WHS was down 40-38 in the final seconds of the third quarter when Boudreau was fouled while driving to the basket.

Boudreau was injured on the play and Delgenio came off the bench to hit two free throws and tie the score heading into the fourth.

Boudreau (11 points, 8 in the second half) wasn't hurt for long.

She started the fourth quarter with a 3-point play and then added a foul shot to make it 44-42.

Boudreau had a hand in 10 of the 12 Wilmington points during the critical stretch.



Eva Boudreau battles for a rebound against Fontbonne. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Wilmington High postseason notebook:

Bryson takes second in New England

Hannah Bryson continued making history this past weekend at the New England in Providence, R.I., taking second in her weight class.

Bryson made it to the finals by not allowing a point in her first three matches.

OSGOOD FINISHES SEASON

Mollie Osgood competed at the New England track and field finals this weekend. Osgood placed 7th in the high jump at the New England

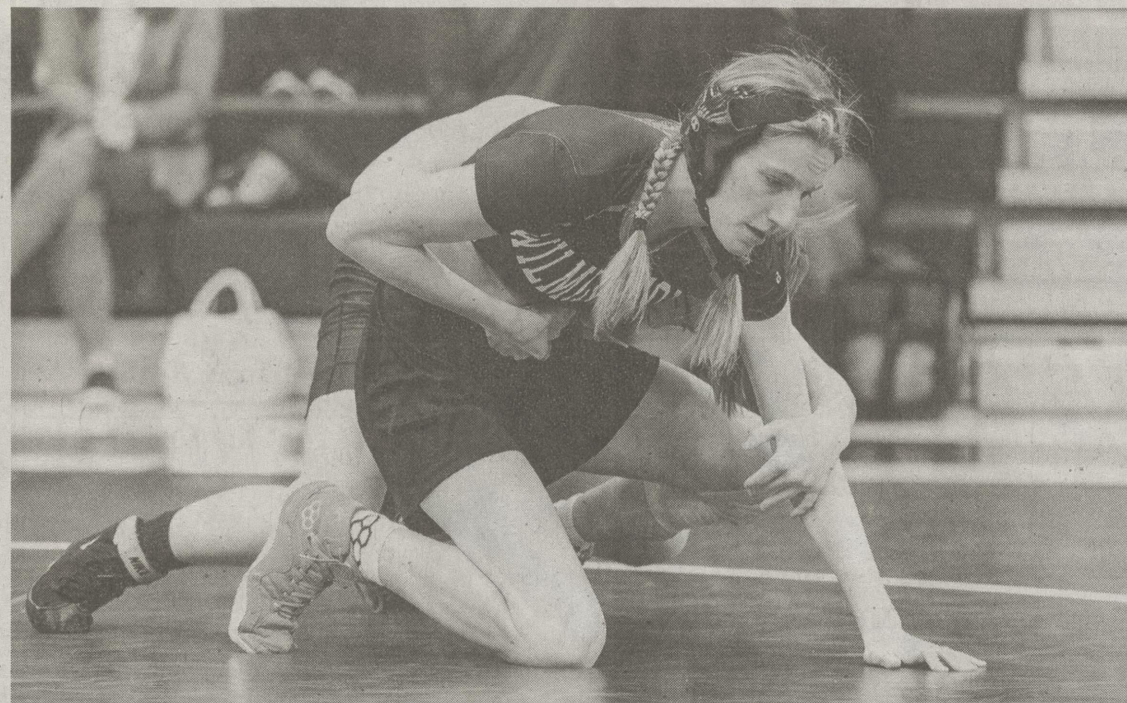
Track and Field Championship on Saturday by jumping 5 feet, 3 inches.

Osgood has qualified for the nationals with that performance.

GIRLS HOCKEY FALLS

The Wilmington/Stoneham girls hockey team traveled to the Cape on Wednesday night to play Sandwich High School in Bourne in the first round of the MIAA State Tournament.

The girls lost 5-1, with the lone goal being scored by Wilmington's Lilly MacKenzie.



▲ Senior Hannah Bryson took second at the New England championship tournament last weekend in Rhode Island. (James Thomas Photography)

Shawsheen Roundup:

Ram swimmers dominate at CAC meet

Boys are champs, girls finish a close second

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The Shawsheen Tech swim team competed at the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championships to finish the regular season and had a terrific showing.

The Ram boys won the championship while the girls finished second, behind only Blue Hills Regional. Blue Hill finished second in the boys competition.

Shawsheen's boys won several events on the way to the championship including six individual races and all three relays.

In the 200-yard medley relay, Matthew Kilfoyle, Eliot Hong, Jared Krueger and Ben Spidle took first in 1:59.24.

The 200-yard freestyle relay was won by Krueger, Hong, Tim Niles and Harrison Kinsella in 1:40.65.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, the Ram foursome of Kinsella, Kilfoyle, Niles and Samuel Sarkissian was the winner in 4:08.84.

Individually, Hong won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:07.78, taking the race by almost 10 seconds, and also the 200-yard individual medley in 2:17.03.

Kilfoyle won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:07.38 while teammate Morgan Dunham was fourth in 1:23.38. Kilfoyle led three scorers in the 500-yard freestyle, winning the race in 6:04.25, Sarkissian was fifth in 7:08.59 and Spidle was ninth in 7:52.3.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Kinsella was the winner in 54.65 seconds, Niles was fifth in 1:04.58. He also captured the 50-yard freestyle in 23.98 seconds.

In the 200-yard freestyle, three Rams scored points.

Sarkissian was third in 2:30.14, Niles was fourth in 2:39.17 and Liam Finn took 10th in 2:54.5.

Two Shawsheen boys scored in the 100-yard butterfly as Krueger took second in 1:09.59 and Spidle was seventh in 1:33.49.

Krueger also added second-place points in diving.

Shawsheen's girls won only one event, but the team's depth nearly won the CAC meet as the Rams were just 29 points away from first.

Shawsheen won the 100-yard freestyle as Makayla Nolan took first in 1:10.22, just ahead of Shea Kelley, who was second in 1:10.55.

Katelyn Perkins and Alisa Lavino also scored in the race with Perkins taking fourth in 1:10.97 and Lavino placing 10th in

1:21.94.

In the 50-yard freestyle, four Rams scored.

Nolan was second in 31 seconds, Kelley was fifth in 32.15, Alexandra Quick was ninth in 34.09 and Lavino took 11th in 34.84.

Shawsheen scored in all three relays.

The Rams went 6-1 during the regular season, falling only to Blue Hills Regional.

Winners against Blue Hills included Krueger in diving and the 100 fly, Kinsella in the 200 free, the 200 free relay of Hong, Kinsella, Kilfoyle and Krueger, Hong in the breaststroke, Kilfoyle in the backstroke and the 400 free relay of Kilfoyle, Kinsella, Hong and Krueger.

WRESTLERS SHINE AT NEW ENGLANDS

terfinals on Wednesday against Malden Catholic.

Shawsheen finished its fine season with a 13-7 overall record.

BOYS HOOP OUSTED

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team fell in the opening round of the Div. 3 state tournament.

The Rams lost in Watertown, 53-45.

The Raiders led by one point in the final minute of the contest before scoring several points in the closing seconds to produce a deceiving final score.

Franck Moron of Billerica led Shawsheen with 25 points and Matt Breen scored 14.

Shawsheen finished the year with a 14-7 overall record which included an appearance in the state vocational championship game.



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